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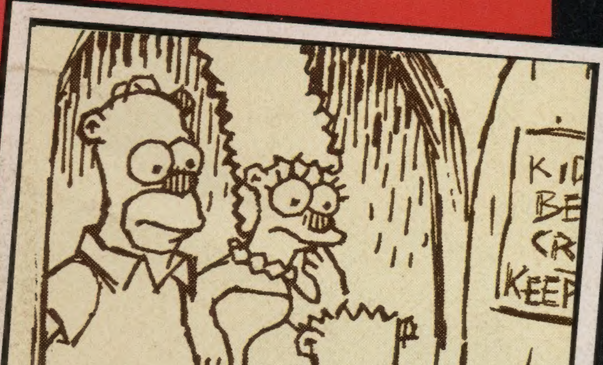

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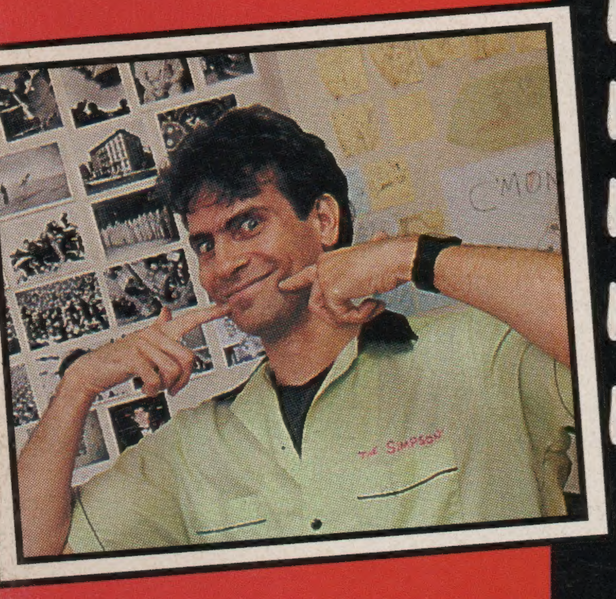

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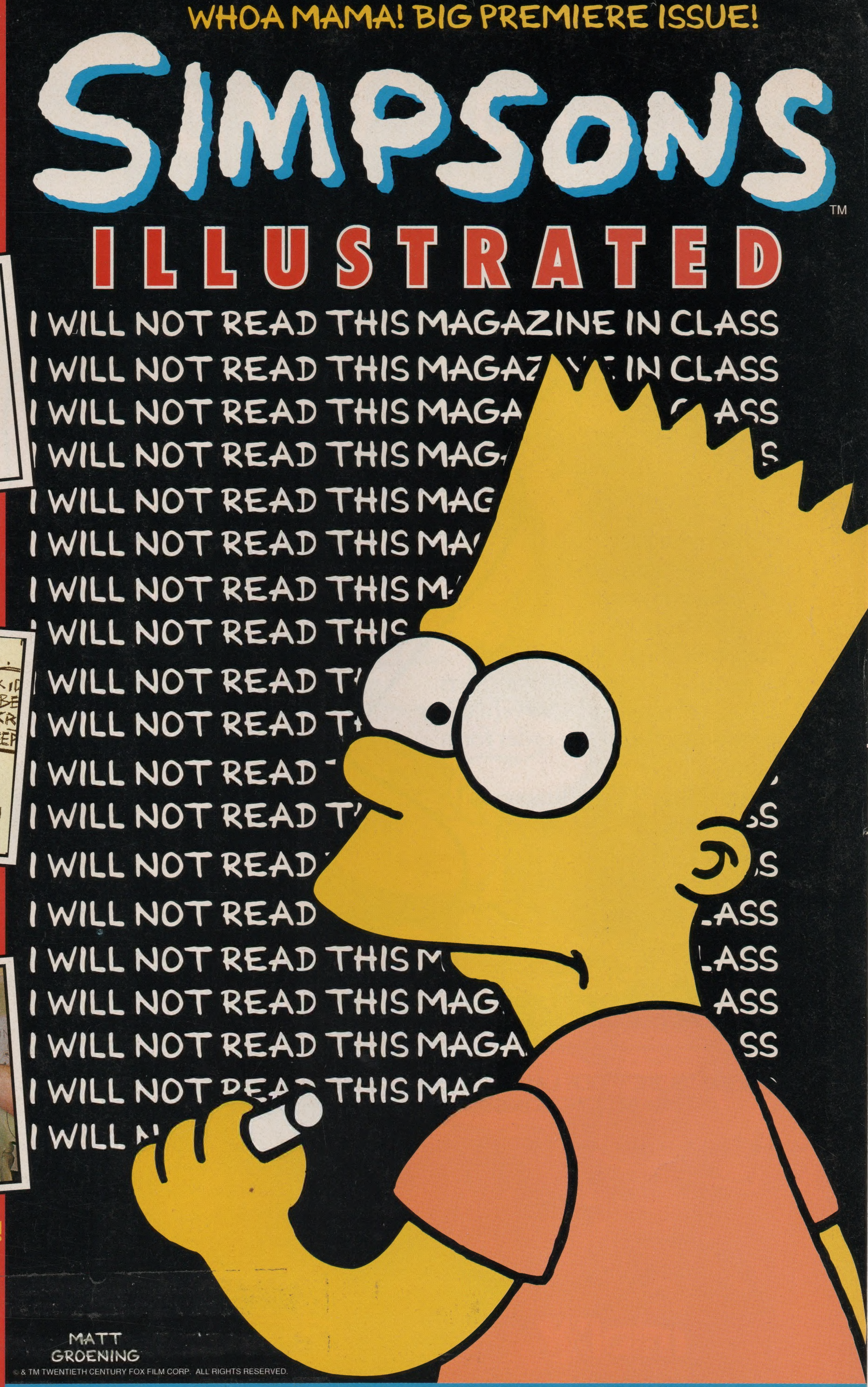

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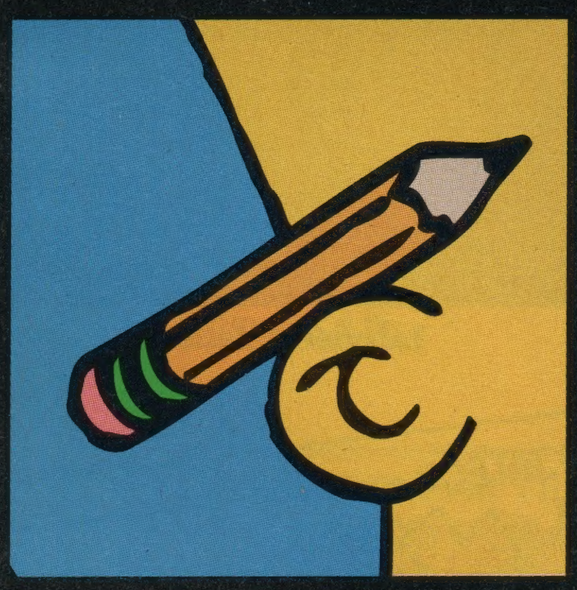

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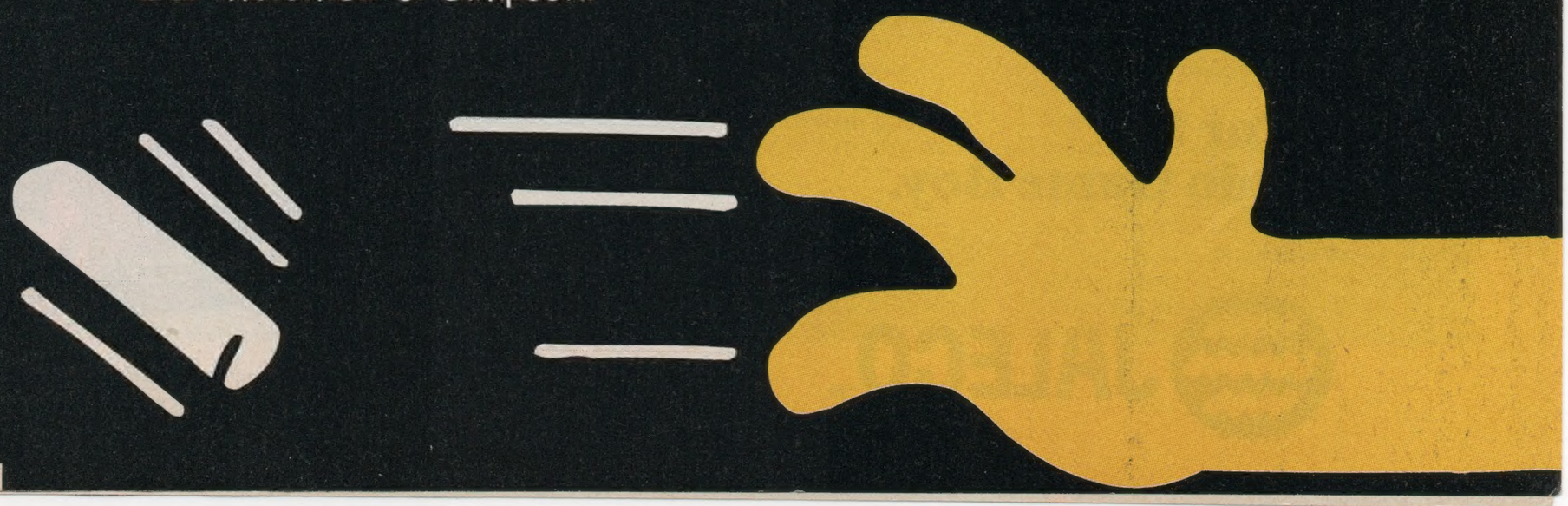

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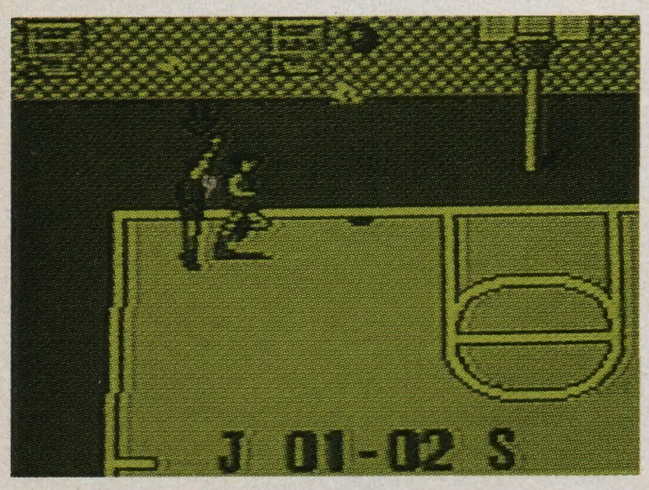

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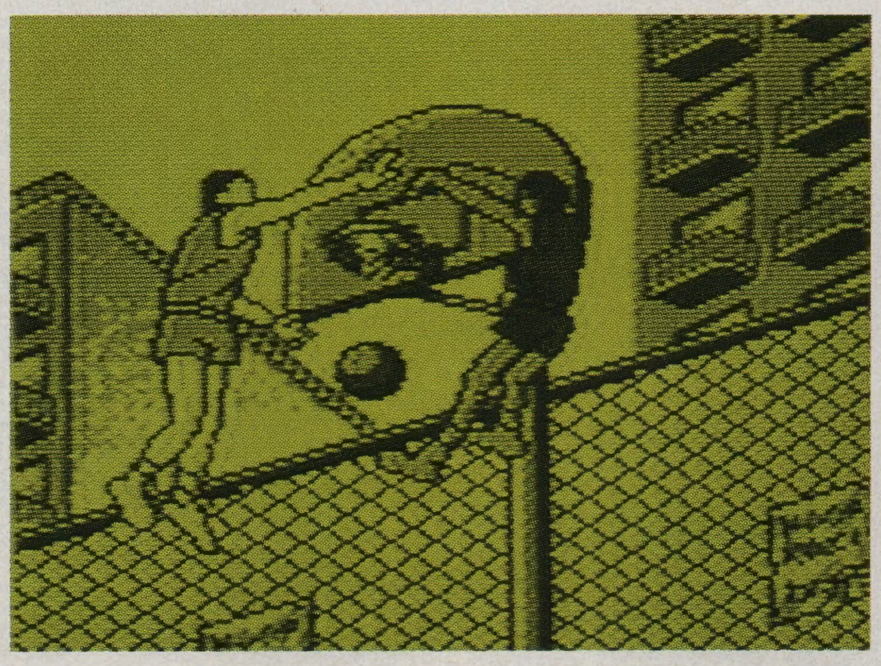

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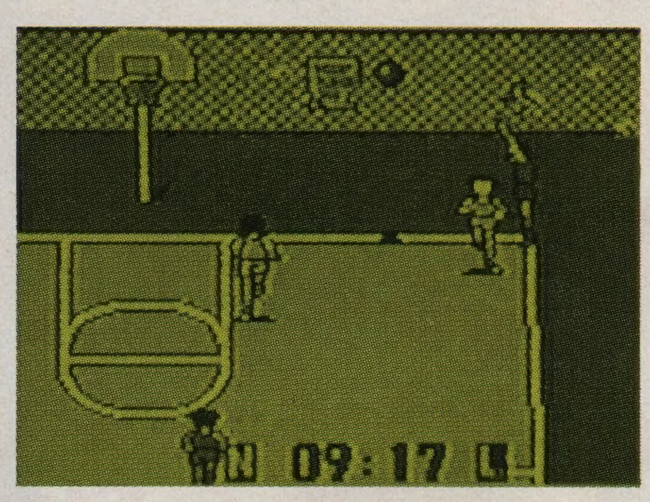

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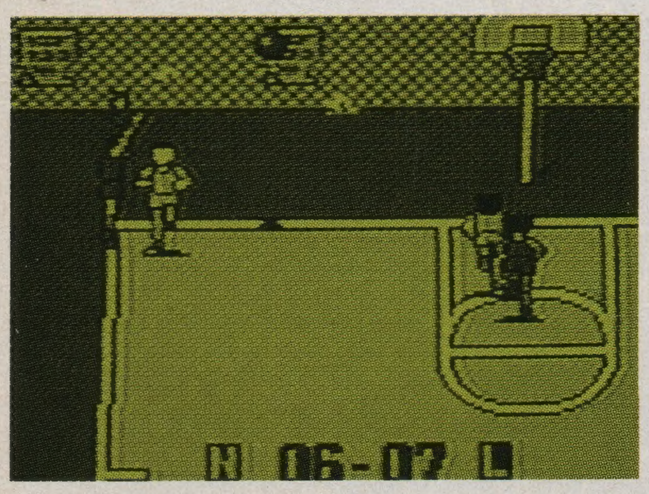

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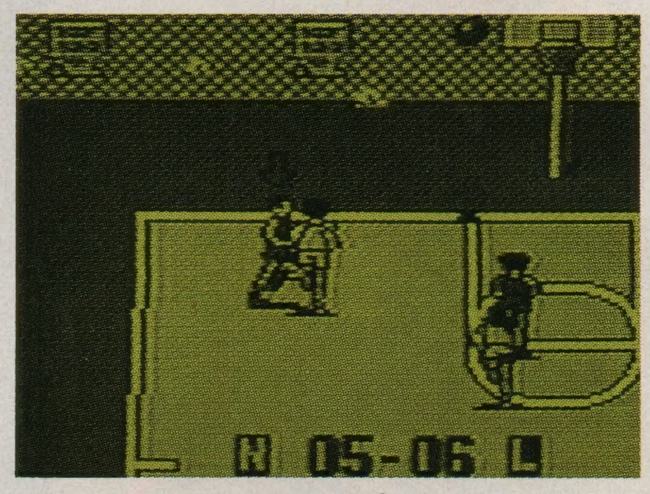

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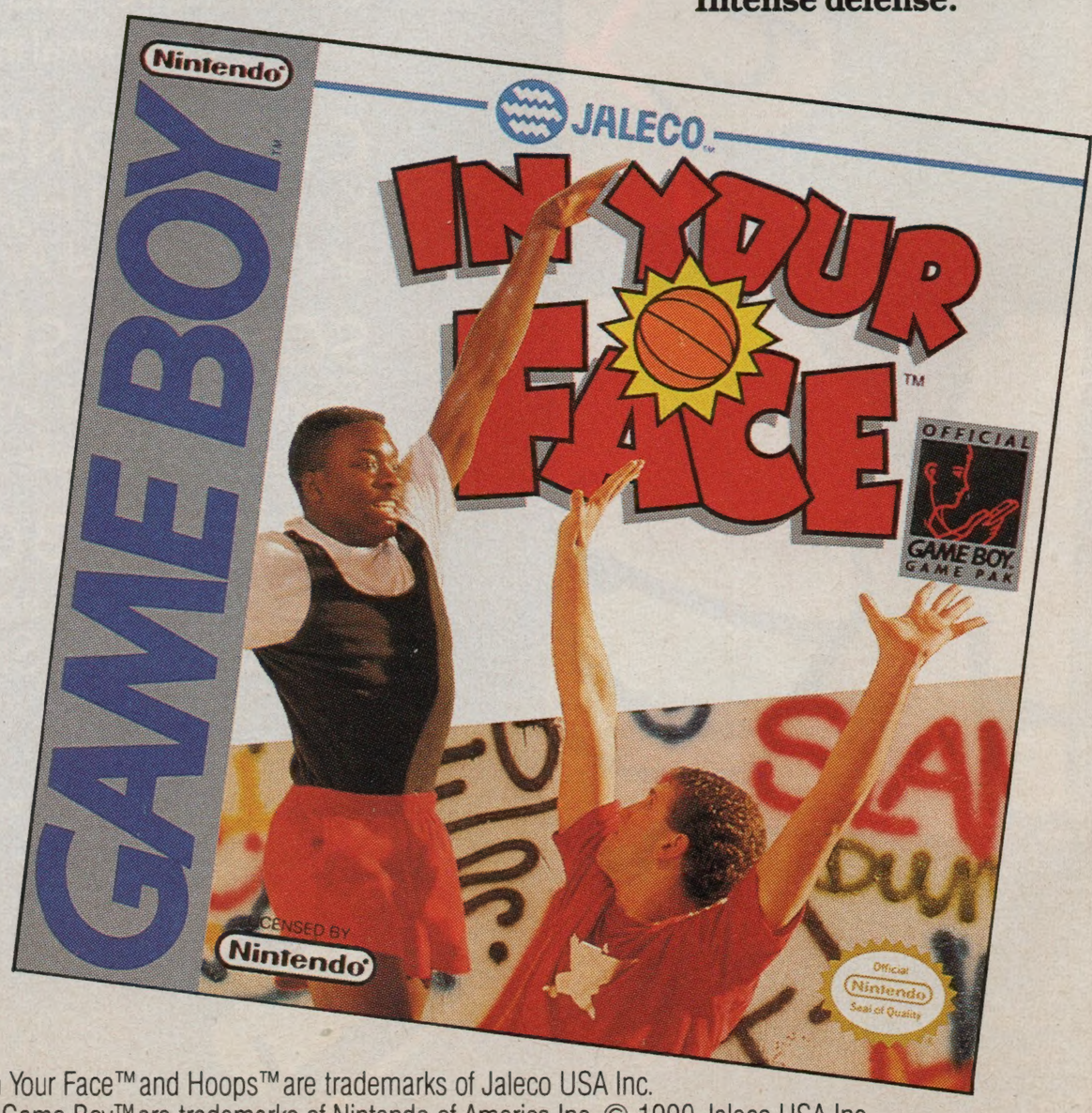

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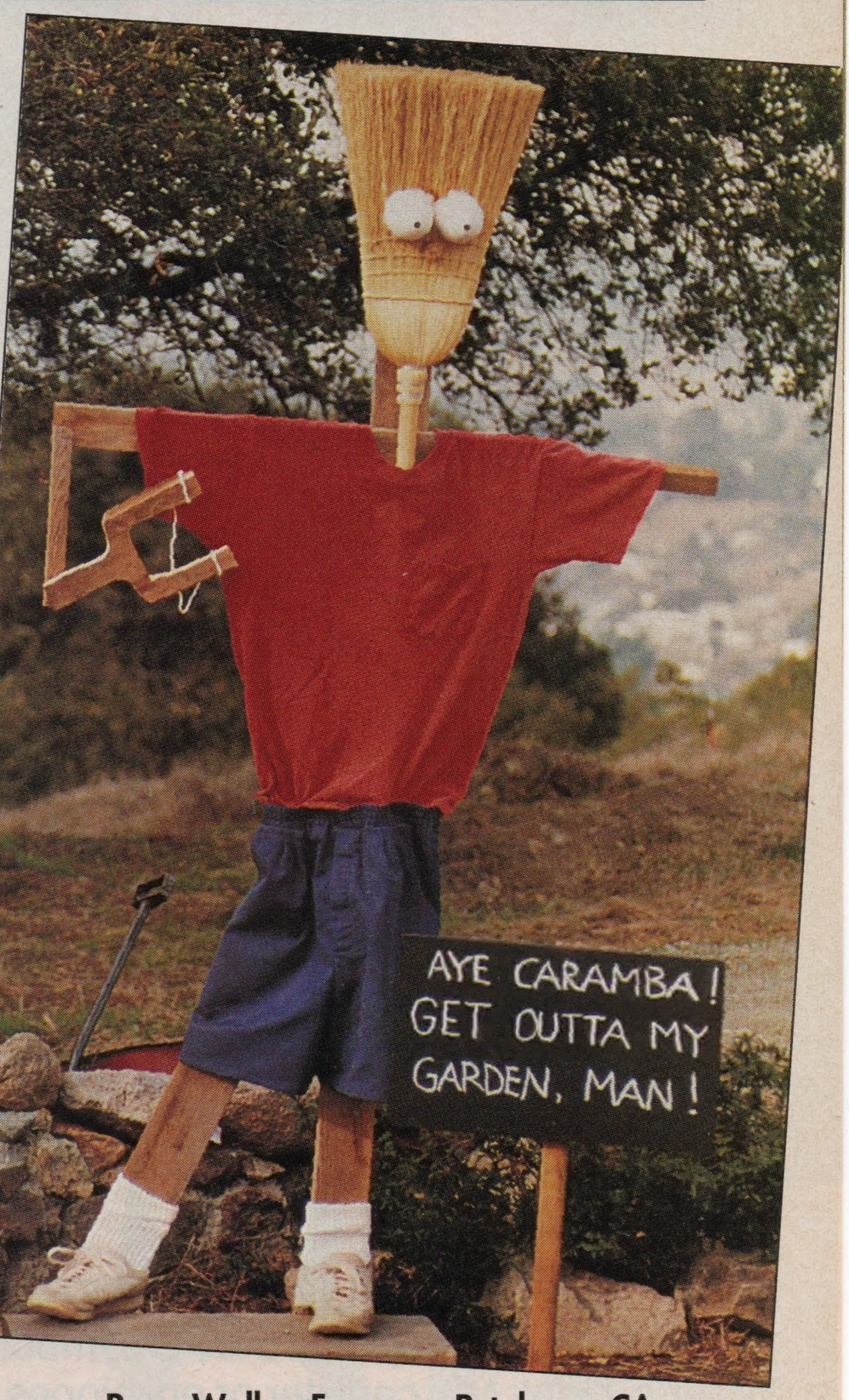
FARM FROLICS

Dear Editor,

Enclosed please find several shots of the official Bart Simpson scarecrow, winner of First Place and Best of Show at the Sonoma-Marin Fair in Petaluma, California, June 1990. I built the scarecrow after the bright idea hit me that Bart Simpson was the man of the hour and would appeal to fairgoers of every age. The rules state that the scarecrows have to be constructed of traditional scarecrow materials (straw, old clothes, things lying around the farm) and they have to aim to scare crows. It followed that Bart's hair could be a straw broom, as that is what it looks like anyway. And those eyeballs (in this case, L'eggs stocking containers) are weird and scary, and the slingshot bodes badly for the birds. Bart always has to write something a hundred times on the blackboard in the beginning of every episode (we hate it if we miss the beginning and don't see what he has to write this time), so it followed that he could get his message across with chalk, man.

Good luck in this new *Simpsons Illustrated* magazine endeavor.

—Perry Walker Freeman
Petaluma, CA



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UNCARVED BLOCKHEADS

Dear Editor,

This letter is in appreciation of last Thursday's *Simpsons* episode. I was delighted at the mention of the *Tao Te Ching* by Lao Tzu. The last place I would expect to hear a reference to Taoism would be in a cartoon. I am currently taking a class on Taoism at California State University of Northridge. The show was all we could talk about before class.

I was glad it was Lisa who knew about the *Tao Te Ching* since she is the character I identify with most. I have to correct Lisa, though: the "Uncarved Block" is wood, not stone. If it was stone it would be the "unchiseled block."

Maybe the reference will get some young viewers interested in Taoism. I would recommend the *Tao of Pooh* by Benjamin Hoff to any young person, even Bart. It explains the basics of Taoism through another cartoon character: Pooh.

—Nicole Muraoka
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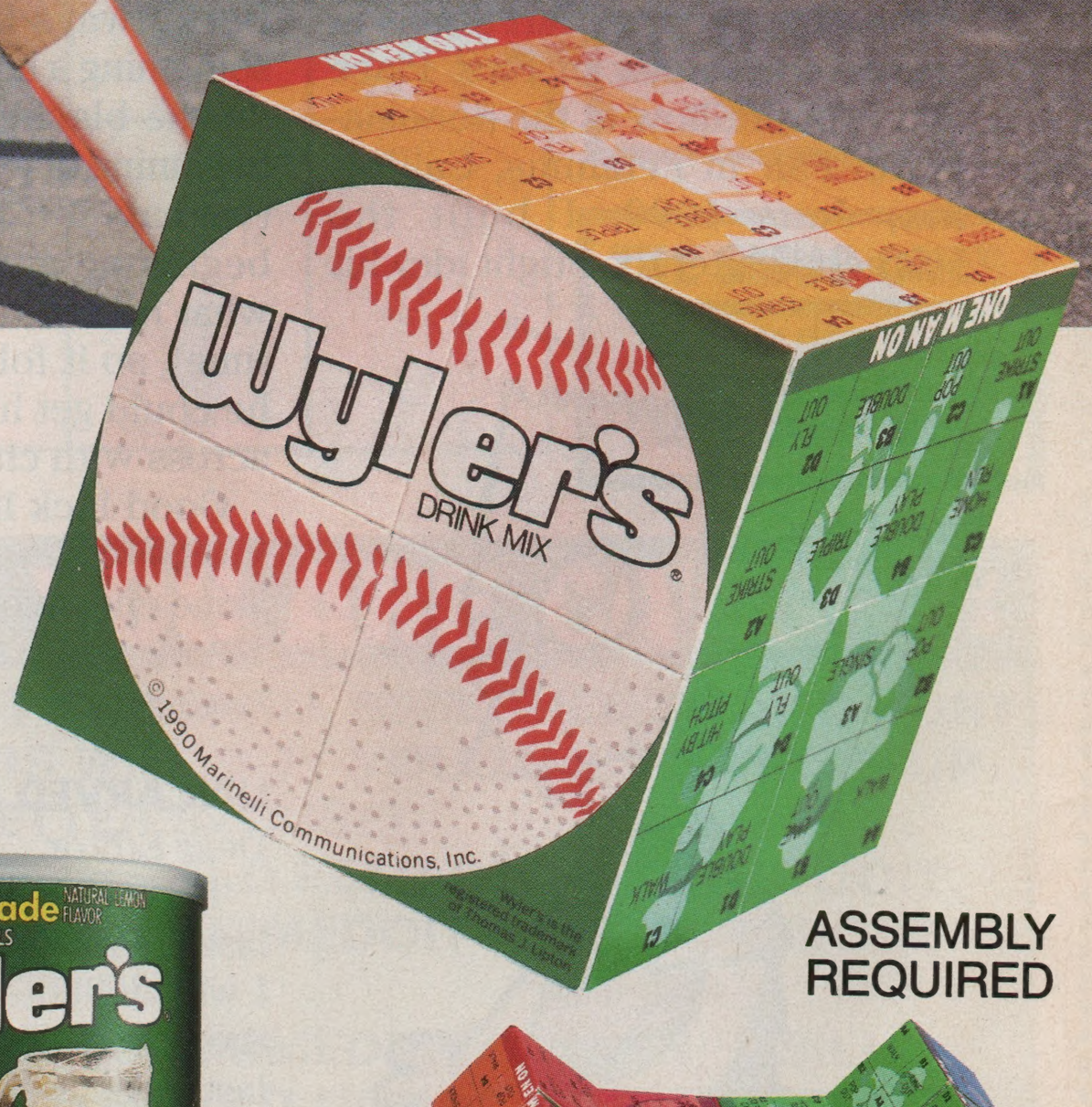

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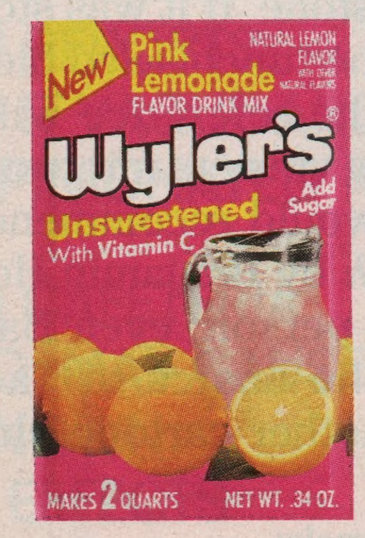

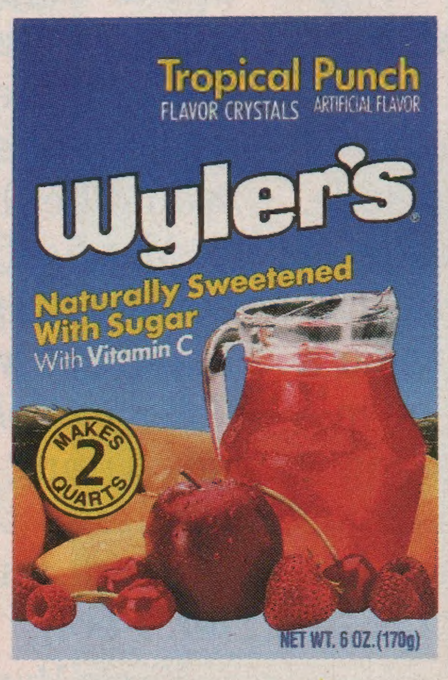

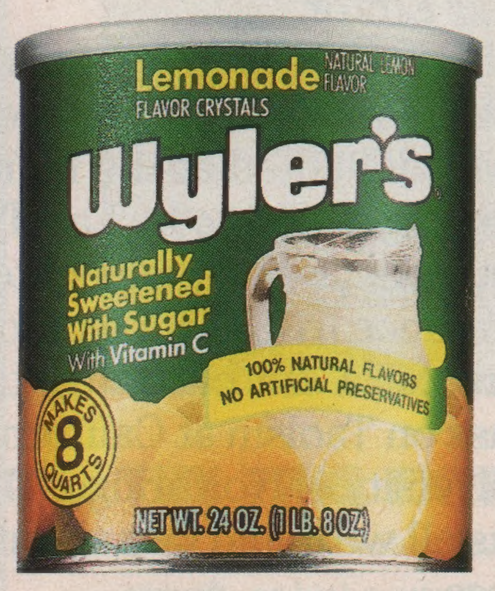

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IN THE NEWS

OUR MOTTO: "TRUTH IS WEIRDER THAN FICTION"

AP—WIDE WORLD PHOTOS

DON'T HAVE A COW, MOM: Jerry Field, 19, gets his Bart Simpson cut shaped by Bob Greguras at Elmo's Hair Design and Barber Shop in Ketchikan, Alaska. The cut is outlined every three days and trimmed and bleached every two weeks.

DO YOU THINK THEY WATCH ALL OF SEAN'S FILMS AT PENN STATE ?

You're not going to believe this, but at **Simpson College** in Indianola, Iowa, they watch *The Simpsons*.

Just to prove it, the student newspaper assigned staff writer Ann Wagner the task of measuring students' views of the show.

Sean Grant said Bart was his favorite character, adding: "He's just a real-life kid. He's not like one of those Wally Cleaver kids."

Joelle Selk said: "They have sick humor and I love that."

And Robin Hinshaw said: "One time I had my Simpson College coat on and someone asked me if it was a real college or a take-off from the show."

Well, which is it?

—*The Simpsonian*

THE BANANA IS NOT A FRUIT; IT'S AN HERB

HEY, DOC — YOU ANY RELATION TO HOMER SIMPSON DOWN AT THE NUKE PLANT?

You probably saw this in "The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists," but **Dr. John Simpson** wrote in a recent issue: "The fragmentation of the Soviet Union may confront the world with a new problem: ensuring that none of the new states which could emerge possess nuclear weapons and that they will rapidly join the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty."

Sorry man, we're not confronting any new problems until sometime in November.

BY THE TIME YOU ARE 70 YEARS OLD YOU WILL HAVE SHED 40 POUNDS OF DEAD SKIN, MORE IF YOU SKATEBOARD.

MAYBE A DIFFERENT HAIRCUT WOULD HAVE HELPED

Bart Simpson of San Antonio, Texas, is a political underachiever.

Running as a Republican candidate for the Texas State legislature in heavily Democratic Bexar County, Simpson was creamed by Leticia Van de Putte, 71 percent to 25 percent. Hey, at least he beat the Libertarian candidate.

Despite his pathetic showing, Bart took the best verbal shot of the campaign when someone asked him if his name would help him get votes.

He said: "It may be worth a few extra votes, and it may not. After all, my opponent's name is not so great either."

Now, that's the Bart Simpson we know.

—*People; San Antonio Express-News*

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ART IMITATES DEATH

Lt. Don Bartling (Bartling!) was one of four Fort Lauderdale, Fla. fire

OR LONG ENOUGH TO WATCH YOUR FAVORITE EPISODE OF THE SIMPSONS 438,000,000 TIMES

According to recent reports, the town of Pripyat, near the sight of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, will be uninhabitable for 25,000 years. That's roughly as long as humans have lived in North America.

fighters called to the Mercedes City Center in January to revive a woman in the lobby of the Museum of Art.

Bartling said: "We got down there and the security guard showed us where she was, right inside the window."

What they saw was a gray-haired woman with glasses, wearing a pink beach hat, pink T-shirt, pink and black shorts and white tennis shoes. She was sitting in a black metal chair, reading a magazine. Some books were scattered at her feet.

Bartling said: "After a while, we could see that she wasn't breathing."

It was about this time they realized they were staring at an exhibit by superrealist sculptor Duane Hanson.
—*Associated Press*

BOOK 'EM, BARTO!

Since January 7, they've been sleeping soundly in California's Yolo County, near Sacramento.

That's the day **Bart Simpson** became the new undersheriff.

And not a heartbeat too soon, after they'd thrown the former sheriff and undersheriff in jail for taking a $3,000 bribe to fudge on crime statistics so that a developer could get permission for a big project in the area.

Simpson served in the Sheriff's Department from 1972-87, as a jail supervisor, patrol sergeant and investigations sergeant.

Reached by us just before he was sworn in, a determined Bart said: "If they think the cartoon dork Bart Simpson is coming in here and they laugh, that's one thing. But the folks here have been laughed at enough. We want to begin this sheriff's administration on a good note."

Okay, but watch who you call a dork, man!
—*Davis Enterprise; Bart Simpson*

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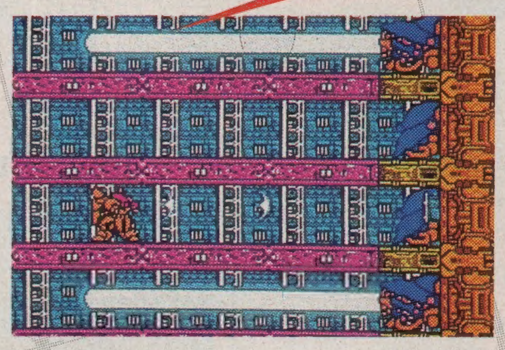

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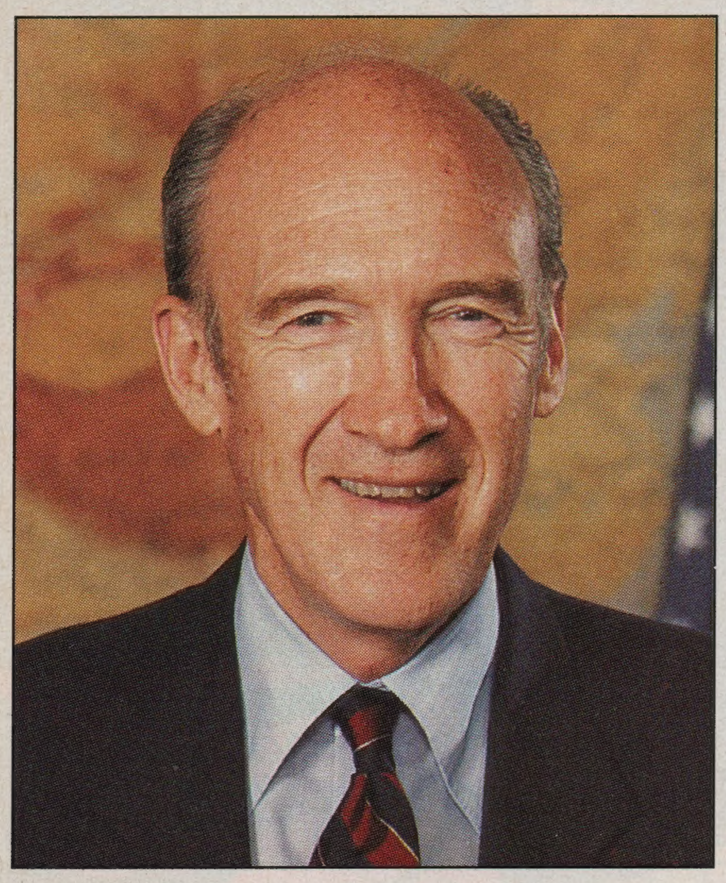

Sen. Alan Simpson (left) and Homer Simpson: separated at birth?

MR. SIMPSON GOES TO WASHINGTON

How do you figure the most Homer-looking guy in the United States Senate, **Alan Simpson** (R. Wyoming)?

Does the ranking member of the Senate Subcommittee on Nuclear Regulation watch *The Simpsons*? Noooo. Some lame excuse about votes to cast, arms to twist. Gotta meet the press, gotta tape *Nightline*, gotta go on *MacNeil-Lehrer*.

It took Senator **Ted Kennedy** (D. Massachusetts) to remind Simpson of his family ties.

At a roast for Simpson in Wyoming, Kennedy said in a videotaped greeting: "Uh, Homer...I mean, Al...recently there was a TV show, *The Kennedys of Massachusetts*. Maybe someday they'll make "The Simpsons of Wyoming."

Then, taking off his jacket to reveal a Bart sweatshirt, Kennedy said: "But Al, the Simpsons *do* have their own show...."

—Sen. Simpson's staff

HEY JUICE, WHY NOT LAY THE BLAME ON THE DOORSTEP OF A REPRESSIVE, OVERLY-JUDGMENTAL EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT?

Long before Bart, there was **O.J. Simpson**, the Pro Football Hall of Fame running back who's now an actor and an NBC-TV commentator on NFL games.

The Juice on Bart: "I totally enjoy the show," says O.J. "Especially the part at the beginning where Bart has to write on the blackboard."

So, Juice, are you saying you can relate to the little guy?

"Oh, yeah. My mother had to come to school more than once. In fact, when I was about Bart's age I had my share of suspensions."

—O.J. Simpson

JUST WAIT 'TIL THE DUFF BEER POLL, MAN

What do Bart Simpson, President Bush, Ivana Trump, Donald Trump, Madonna, Pope John Paul II, Andrew Dice Clay, Tom Cruise, Mother Teresa and Woody Allen have in common?

None of them could measure up to first lady Barbara Bush, the winner of last November's J&B Scotch "Over Dinner Poll," which asked 1,000 Americans to name their top three dining companions.

If it's any consolation, the little dude who's crude when he shovels his food scored highest among the also-rans.

Maybe next November, Bart.

—J&B Scotch

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HAVE A COW, MAN!

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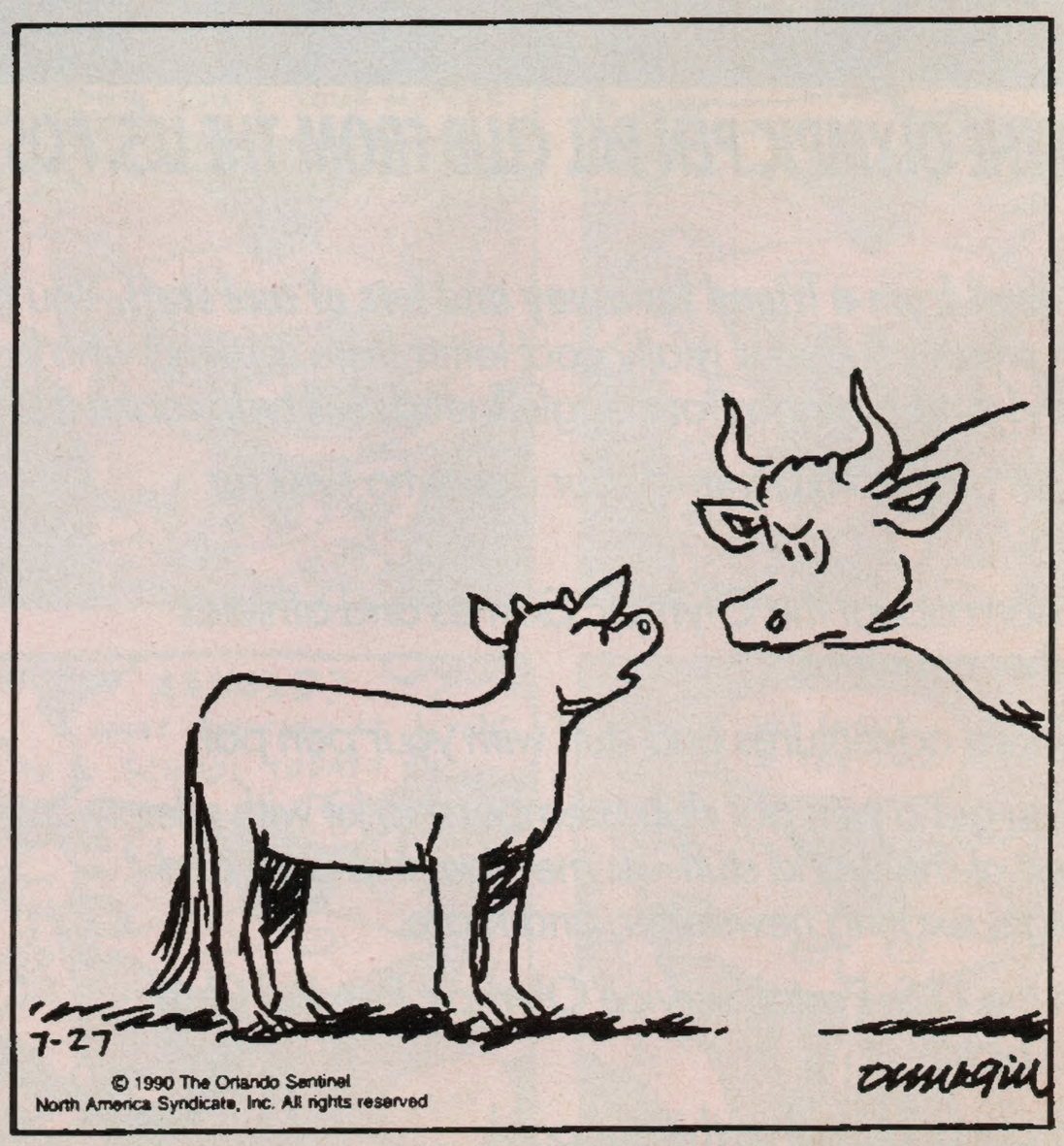
DUNAGIN'S PEOPLE



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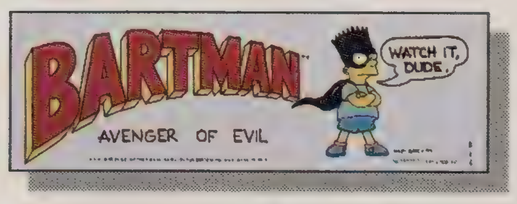

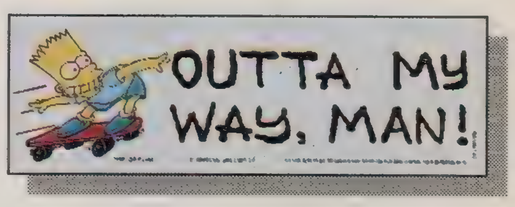

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What I Did On My Summer Vacation

Lisa Simpson

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I spent my summer reading an
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GRADE 2
TEACHER Ms. Hoover

A: very good
B: good
C: not bad
D: bad
F: very bad

ENGLISH	A
SCIENCE	A
SOC. STUDIES	A
MATHEMATICS	A
BAND	A
ART	C
PHYS. ED.	B
HYGIENE	C
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Comments:

Lisa is a bright, perceptive student. Sometimes she needs a little reminder to be bright and perceptive, but she soon becomes bright and perceptive again. A pleasure to have in class.

Ms. Hoover

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pork chops
pork franks
Pork Rinds Lite
Pork Helper -
family size
Super Pork Helper Helper
100% U.S. real
mock pork
gelatin lye
more pork?
Krusty cereal

THE MIN

Homer,
The cupcakes are for
kids' lunches. There are Pork
Rinds Lite in the cabinet
for you. XXOO,
Marge

P.S. Remember - 5 pounds
by April!

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March 3, 1991

Dear Mrs. Simpson,

I regret to inform you that your son Bart interrupted class today with a long, loud and resonant belch. Although the four-second outburst managed to amuse some of my less-motivated students, I can assure you that I was not amused by such an animalistic lack of self-restraint.

The human body is a beautiful machine, finely tuned to the mysterious specifications of nature. It is not a sound-effects toy to be manipulated at our every whim. I kindly ask that you remind your son of that simple fact.

If you have any questions, please hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Krabappel
Mrs. Krabappel

DONUTS

"For cryi
what will th

Homer
Arnie,
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Easter Ham w/ oysters

Happy Holidays!
Have a great
1987!
The Flanders
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The GRAPEFRUIT DIET WEEKLY PLANNER

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Substituted pork for grapefruit Monday - Saturday. Sunday.

Ignorance is Bliss.

NEVER SAY
DIET!!

Man who goes to sleep with apes
wakes up with apes.

age 6

To the Best Mom in the whole house!
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from Bart
1989

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1. ~~WAKE UP~~
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SIMPSONS BRAIN-BUSTING TRIVIA QUIZ

1. The Simpsons first appeared on...

A. *The Liv Ullman Show*
B. *The Tracey Ullman Show*
C. *The Trace That Almond Show*
D. *Meet The Press*

2. If spelled out, Homer's typical annoyed grunt would be...

A. D'oh!
B. Gleeeeeeep!
C. Nagada-nagada-nagada!
D. Yabbadabbadoo!

3. Marge's older twin sisters are named...

A. Big Bertha and Little Bertha
B. Big Bertha and Bigger Bertha
C. Patty and Selma
D. Betty and Veronica

4. Bart's hero is...

A. Krusty the Clown
B. Curly Howard of the Three Stooges
C. Himself
D. Ted Koppel

5.Lisa's saxophone-playing mentor is...

A. "Warts" Mulrooney
B. "Post Nasal Drip" O'Toole
C. "Bleeding Gums" Murphy
D. "Eczema" Jones

6. Maggie wouldn't be Maggie without her...

A. Security blanket
B. Pacifier
C. Teddy bear
D. Copy of Susan Sontag's book *Against Interpretation*

7. Principal Skinner's childhood nickname was...

A. Stinky
B. Spanky
C. Sprinkles
D. Mulehead

8. Marge's bowling ball was named...

A. Mr. Bowling Ball
B. Globe of Fury
C. Homer
D. Snowball III

9. What catch phrase is Krusty the Clown least likely to use?

A. "Buy my cereal!"
B. "Don't blame me! I didn't do it!"
C. "Who do you love?"
D. "I'd like to recite one of my favorite love poems by Tennyson."

10. Krusty the Clown's pro-literacy slogan is...

A. Give a hoot! Read a book!
B. I plead for you to read, indeed!
C. Books: They're not as boring as you think!
D. Shut up and read, kids!

11. Who was driving the car that ran over Bart?

A. Otto the bus driver
B. Lisa
C. Mr. Burns
D. Bill Cosby

12. Bart's teacher is named...

A. Ms. Snarlberry
B. Ms. Screamanyell
C. Ms. Krabappel
D. Ms. Nice

13. Homer's middle initial is...

A. Q.
B. Z.
C. F.
D. J.

14. Bart's full name is...

A. Bartholomew Jebediah Simpson
B. Bartholomew Jo-Jo Simpson
C. Bartholomew Jinx Simpson
D. Bartholomew Jumbo Simpson

15. Lisa enjoys the pint-size cartoon characters known as...

A. The Happy Little Elves
B. The Delirious Little Pixies
C. The Ecstatic Little Gnomes
D. The Irresponsible Little Imps

16. Bart enjoys the violent animated antics of...

A. Goofus and Gallant
B. Creepy and Crawly
C. Itchy and Scratchy
D. Chewy and Swallowy

17. According to Herman, the military antiques dealer, he lost his arm...

A. When he stuck it out the schoolbus window
B. When he stuck it in the ball return chute at Barney's Bowl-a-Rama
C. When he tried to retrieve his golfball from inside the windmill at Sir Putt-a-Lot's Miniature Golf Course
D. When he shook the sleeping gator at the Springfield Gator Farm

18. When the Simpsons went to Dr. Marvin Monroe for family therapy, he had them hit each other with...

A. Wet noodles
B. Dry noodles
C. Patented therapeutic foam-covered aggression mallets
D. Ball peen hammers

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19. The name of the local baseball team is...

A. The Springfield Isotopes
B. The Springfield Meltdowns
C. The Springfield Molten Fuel Rods
D. The Springfield Patty Melts

20. What did Bart catch at the Ol' Fishin' Hole?

A. A radioactive boot
B. A three-eyed fish
C. A five-eyed frog
D. A communicable disease

21. What is Marge's full first name?

A. Marjorie
B. Marjorita
C. Marjolani
D. Margarine

22. Who is the mayor of Springfield?

A. Jebediah Springfield
B. Diamond Joe Quimby
C. Snowball II
D. "Bleeding Gums" Murphy

23. Which video arcade game does Bart play?

A. Escape from Grandma's House
B. Let's Shoot Everybody
C. The Happy Little Elves Play Friendly
D. Quarter Eater

24. Bart's favorite cereal is...

A. Frosty Krusty Flakes
B. Tasty Toasty Flakes
C. Dusty Zesty Flakes
D. Nasty Musty Flakes

25. What does Bart spray paint all over town?

A. El Barto
B. The Cute Li'l Vandal Was Here
C. I Scoff at Your Petty Bourgeois Ideals
D. #&$%@!!!

26. In the opening credits of the show, what magazine is Marge reading in the grocery store?

A. *Mom Monthly*
B. *Semi-Good Housekeeping*
C. *Hunk o' the Month Magazine*
D. *Freakish Hairdos Illustrated*

27. Sideshow Bob's replacement on the "Krusty the Clown Show" is...

A. Sideshow Homer
B. Sideshow Mel
C. Sideshow Smithers
D. Sideshow Bob Jr.

28. Who did Maggie make friends with when the Simpsons got lost in the woods?

A. Wild bears
B. Wild boars
C. Wild bees
D. Wild weasels

29. What did Maggie do to Homer after she watched some Itchy and Scratchy cartoons?

A. She hit him on the head with a mallet
B. She painted a picture of a tunnel on a big rock and had Homer run into it
C. She dropped an anvil on his head
D. She mowed him down with a machine gun

30. What is the name of the clerk at the Kwik-E-Mart?

A. Apu
B. Popo
C. Peppy
D. Alpo

31. Which of the following phony names has Bart not used when making prank phone calls to Moe's Tavern?

A. Al Coholic
B. Mike Rotch
C. Seymour Butz
D. Isabelle Ringing

32. What comic book does Bart enjoy most?

A. Captain Eel
B. Bulbous Boy
C. Radioactive Man
D. Larva Girl

33. What happened to Snowball I?

A. She was run over by a car
B. She disappeared down the ball return chute at Barney's Bowl-a-Rama
C. She disappeared inside the windmill at Sir Putt-a-Lot's Miniature Golf Course
D. She got her own Saturday morning spin-off cartoon show

34. How many hairs does Homer have on the top of his head?

A. 7
B. 13
C. 2
D. 0

35. Which magazine have the Simpsons not been on the cover of?

A. *Time*
B. *Newsweek*
C. *TV Guide*
D. *Vogue*

36. The name of the first Simpsons album is...

A. The Simpsons Sing Gospel Favorites
B. The Simpsons Sing the Blues
C. The Simpsons Sing Fraternity Drinking Songs
D. The Simpsons Go Surfadelic Freakout, Man

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ANSWERS

1-B, 2-A, 3-C, 4-A, 5-C, 6-B, 7-B, 8-C, 9-D, 10-A, 11-C, 12-C, 13-D, 14-B, 15-A, 16-C, 17-A, 18-C, 19-A, 20-B, 21-A, 22-B, 23-A, 24-A, 25-A, 26-A, 27-B, 28-A, 29-A, 30-A, 31-D, 32-C, 33-A, 34-C, 35-D, 36-B.

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Boring Bedtime Stories

Once upon a time, there were these Three Bears, man. Now, bears don't really have names—they, like, just smell each other and stuff. For purposes of identification, though, we'll call these bears Papa Bear, Mama Bear and the hero of our little tale, Baby Bear, alias Kid Bear.

So anyhow, one day the Bears are hard up for food (Papa Bear isn't exactly aces in the breadwinning department) and Mama Bear decides to make this big steaming pot of porridge for breakfast. She glops it out into three bowls (pay attention: here's the running gag of this story)--a really big bowl, a medium-size bowl and a little itty-bitty bowl.

"Ah, fresh boiled oats," Papa Bear bellows. "The breakfast of champion bears!"

Like the glutton he is, Papa Bear proceeds to shovel a big huge heaping spoonful of scalding porridge into his big huge bear mouth. And then he says, in his biggest hugest Papa Bear voice:

"AAAAAAIIIIIIIIEEEE!!"

So, at this point, the Three Bears decide to go for a walk in the woods while the porridge cools, because if they don't get outta the house there won't be any story to tell. This is called moving the plot forward, man.

Well, who should come along just after they leave but Goldilocks, out on a nature expedition collecting soil samples for her science class. She spies the Bears' house, and since she doesn't have any respect for anybody else's property, she waltzes right in.

Before you can say breaking and entering, Goldilocks makes a beeline for the kitchen. She sits right down and helps herself to the biggest bowl of porridge—Papa Bear's, of course. That mess of oats, though, is still too hot. So then she tries Mama Bear's medium-sized bowl, but her porridge has cooled down to congealed glop. Finally, she tries the Kid Bear's little itty-bitty bowl, and for some reason no one's ever really understood, the

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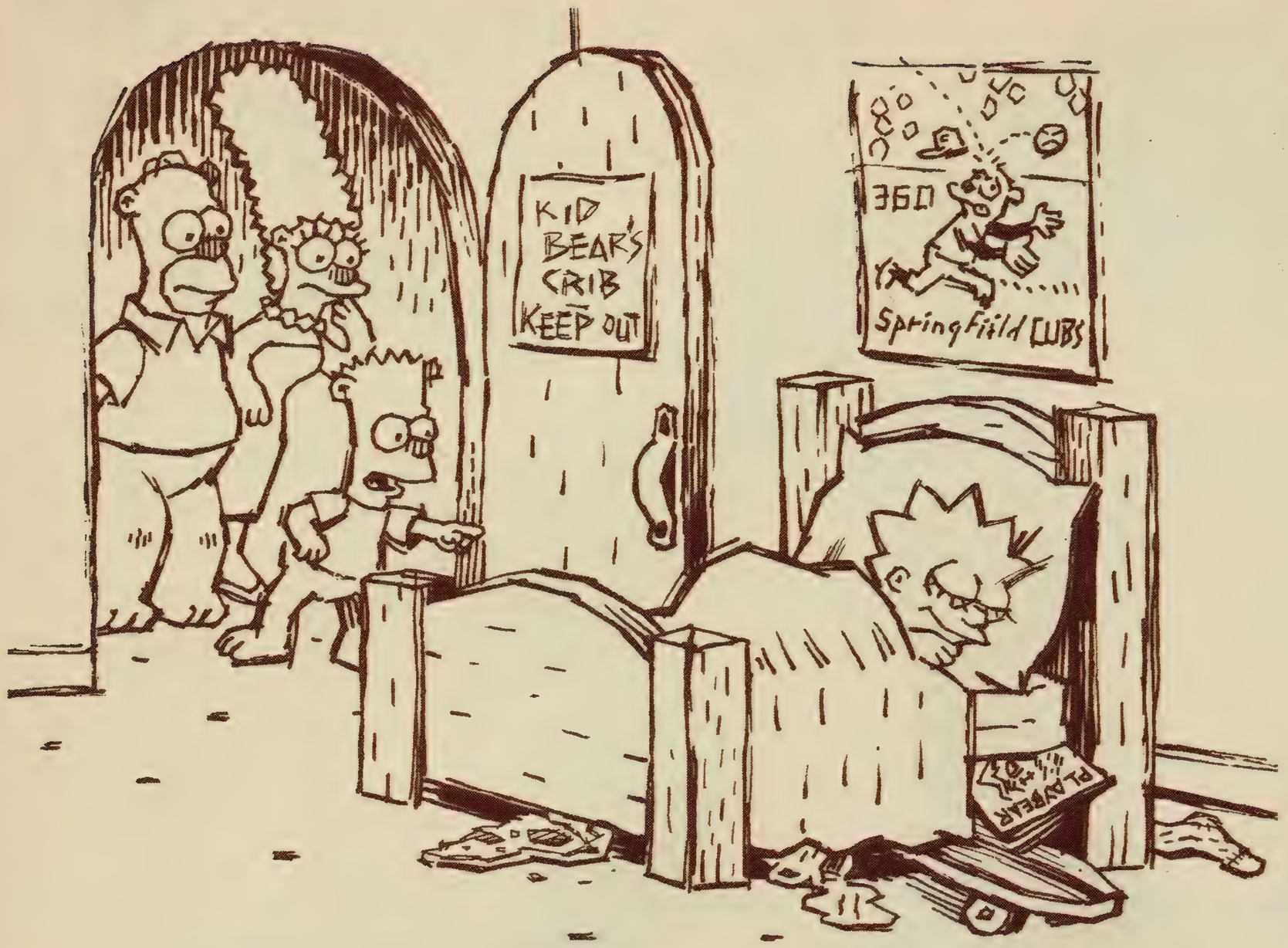

kid's is just right. At least if you pour enough maple syrup on it.

Soon, staggering under the weight of a tummyful of boiled oats and the beginning of a major sugar buzz, Goldilocks stumbles into the Bears' living room. There she finds—you guessed it—three chairs: a big huge one, a medium-size one and a little itty-bitty one. You kids really dig this repetition stuff, don't you?

Anyway, Goldilocks tries the big one and it's too hard. The medium-size one is too soft (like that's a problem or something). Of course, the Kid Bear's chair is—all together now—just right.

But what Goldilocks doesn't realize is that this chair has been booby-trapped by the Kid Bear to prevent its use by obnoxious home-invaders. When Goldilocks goes to sit on it, it immediately emits a loud, embarrassing sound. She's been whoopee-cushioned!

Totally mortified, Goldilocks heads up the stairs to the Bears' bedroom where blah blah three beds, blah blah blah too hard, too soft blah blah, and the Kid's bed is just right. She climbs into that one and passes out.

Okay, now here's where it gets good.

The Three Bears return from doing whatever it is that bears do in the woods. They immediately suspect foul play.

"Someone's been eating my porridge!" roars the Papa Bear. "What sort of world is this where a bear can't go out for his morning constitutional without returning home to find his breakfast defiled!"

And then the Mama Bear wails, "Oh, dear! Someone's been eating my porridge, too!"

And then the Kid Bear shouts, "Somebody's been eating my porridge, and they ate it all up! Hallelujah, Mama!"

And then they go into the next room where the chairs are and . . .

Well, let's cut to the chase, all right?

They go upstairs and the Papa Bear says, "Somebody's been sleeping in my bed!" And the Mama Bear says ditto blah blah blah. And then the Kid Bear looks at his bed and what does he see there but this dumb girl—sleeping like a fool in some bears' house!

And so the Kid Bear exclaims, "Hey, look, man—breakfast in bed!"

Goldilocks wakes up just then, but her pitiful cries go unheeded.

The Three Bears eat her on the spot, and she's just right.

Don't cry, Maggie. It's just a story. It didn't really happen. It's not a docudrama, man. Please don't cry, Maggie. I'm sorry I told you this story. I really am. You've got to stop crying . . . please, Maggie, please. Maggie, if you don't stop crying, I'll tell you *another* bedtime story.

That's better, Maggie.

THE END

WRITTEN BY LARRY DOYLE ILLUSTRATED BY NEAL STERNECKY

Q: WHAT'S YELLOW AND READ ALL OVER?

A: SIMPSONS BOOKS, MAN!

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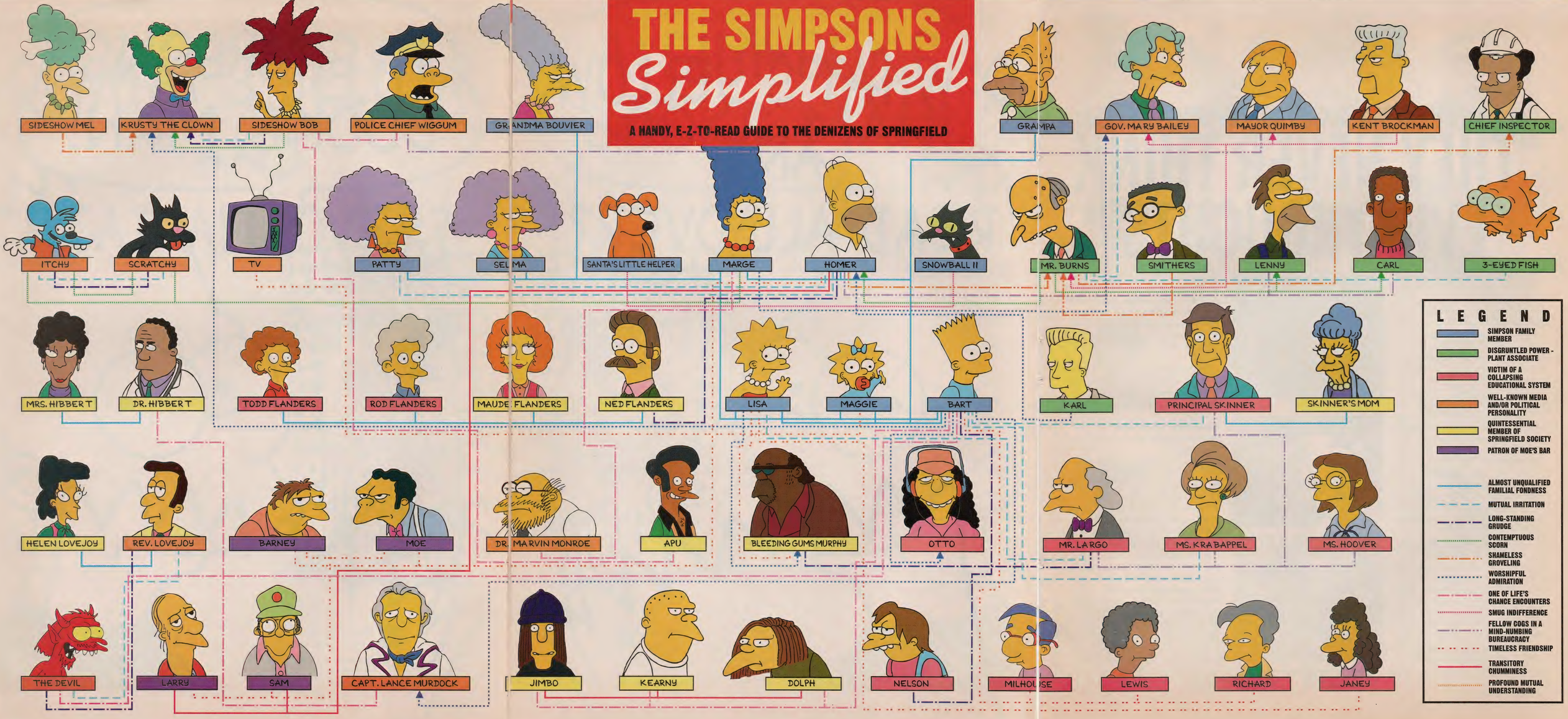

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Doors of Job Opportunity Now Open With the Push of a Button at Nuclear Power Plant

by Kimberly Glee
Education/Labor/Fashion Reporter

Underachieving Springfield High School students who do not respond to ordinary vocational training, and who might otherwise pose a crime problem, will receive much needed exposure to actual work and be taught important lessons in civilized behavior thanks to the Springfield Nuclear Power Plant.

The power plant, which recently added a new cooling tower and parking lot (on the former site of the Springfield Children's Park) has agreed to provide "hi tech" training for SHS's under-, sub-, non-, and anti-achieving students in exchange for "whatever work they can get out of them," Principal Bob Dondelinger announced yesterday.

Dondelinger, wearing an ocher poly-blend blazer and almost-matching tan trousers, said a select group of students will participate in the ten-hour-a-day, four-year program, which includes summer, holiday and all-night sessions.

"We want to give priority to those students who are neither junior college bound nor vocationally trainable—students," Dondelinger explained. "I can think of two young men right now, both barred from shop class for insurance reasons, who would be perfect for this program."

"All right, no gym," commented Larry J. Webster, 17, one of those two young men. His companion, Larry Falk, 17, preferred to reserve judgment, however.

"I dunno," Falk said. After consideration, he added, "Beats prison, I guess. Like, you probably wouldn't get beat up too much at a nuclear power plant.."

Both boys wore white T-shirts, blue jeans and Assassins running shoes.

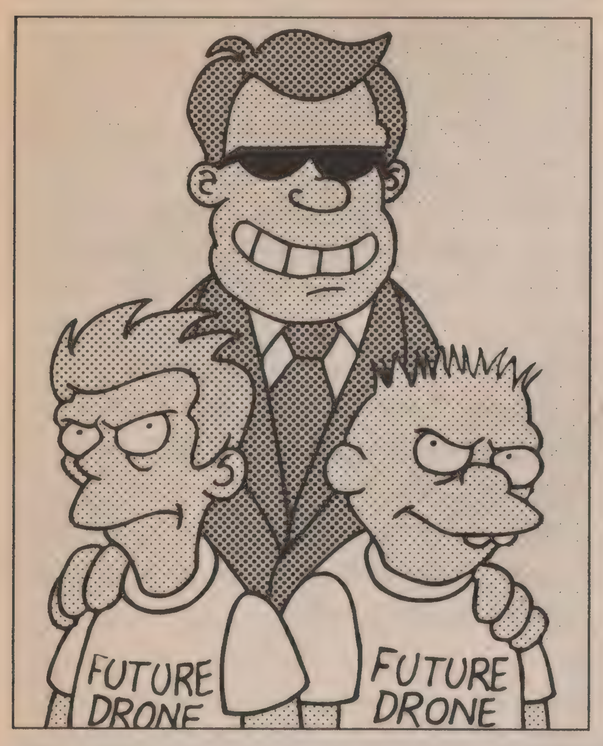
Webster, Falk and up to 98 other students in SHS's Future Drones Program will receive training at Springfield's fully automated Nuclear Power Plant, beginning with important cleaning and spackling in high security areas. Intermediate student trainees will be taught to visually monitor "hi tech" dials and gauges, and to call a supervisor should a red light begin flashing on their "hi tech" control panels.

"We don't want to tax these little gals and fellows beyond their limited capabilities," explained J. Smithers, a spokesperson from the power plant.

Smithers said students will be encouraged to conform to the plant's award-winning company policy, which emphasizes unity, humility, loyalty and submission of the individual worker for the greater good of his or her superiors.

"They will learn to, as you say, 'kiss up,' " said power plant president C. Montgomery Burns. "And they will be grateful for the opportunity to do so."

"And best of all," he added with a chuckle, "they can easily replace complacent long-time employees who apparently think I'm not watching them on my hidden cameras as they eat their pathetic donuts and chatter about their inconsequential lives."



Catch O' the Day: Lyle Whitman proudly shows off this slightly irradiated 16-pound beauty. Some people might call this prize "Son of Blinky," but Lyle plans on calling it "dinner."

Nuclear Power Plant Now Safer Than Ever

The Springfield Nuclear Power Plant yesterday announced a new record of 14 straight accident-free days, shattering the plant's old record of ten days.

The string of accident-free days ended when one of the plant's safety inspectors, Homer J. Simpson, accidentally leaned on a fire alarm, setting it off.

The old record was set during the blizzard of February 1979, when most workers were unable to dig out of their homes. The string was broken on Day 11 by Homer J. Simpson, who dropped a mitten into Cooling Tank 17.

It's been a glowing week for the plant's workers. "We've set our sights on the three-week mark," said spokesperson J. Smithers. "From there, the sky's the limit!"

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Here is the week's lunch menu for Springfield public schools, as announced by the Springfield Board of Education. The Board of Education reminds you, "We don't *cook* it, we just *announce* it."

MONDAY: Kids' Day: Happy-face roll, chili dog, fancy fruit cup, moo juice.

TUESDAY: Eating Around the World Day: Mexican taco sandwich, French fries with ketchup, Italian ices, moo juice.

WEDNESDAY: Lunch American Style: Happy-face roll, beefola burger with processed American cheese food, fancy fruit cup, moo juice.

THURSDAY: Cajun Nutrition Awareness Day: Blackened cajun-style chickwich, rice jambalaya, dried fruit, thirst-quenching water.

FRIDAY: Breakfast for Lunch Day: Cold cereal, bananas, toasted bagel chips, Shedd's Spread, decaf coffee.

As always, peanut butter and jelly is available for our kosher students. Please notify cafeteria in advance if you need bread with your peanut butter and jelly.

Springfield Vies for New Tire Dump Site

With the Capital City Tire Dump nearing capacity, Mayor Diamond Joe Quimby enthusiastically announced yesterday the formation of "The Let's Get The Dump" committee, a group of citizens devoted to moving the tire dump to Springfield. "The Dumpsters have been absolutely on target with a brilliant proposal that shows Springfield as the best possible dump choice," said Mayor Quimby. The committee has vigorously pursued this relocation, as the dump may bring 16 to 17 new jobs to town, along with approximately 70 tons of tires per year.

"The Cap City tire dump has long been an asset to the tri-city area," said the Mayor. "As we all know, tourists driving into the city often mistake the tire dump for the foothills of the city. Even when they get close enough to see that it's just a bunch of tires, they're still impressed."

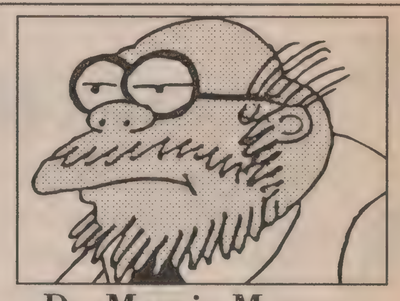
The new tire dump would have no effect on the old Springfield Tire Dump, which has been burning at the north end of town since April, 1987.

OUR PROUD HERITAGE

WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK IN SPRINGFIELD HISTORY

Thirty-five years ago

1956: Bing Crosby's limousine breaks down while passing through town. The beloved crooner spends the afternoon playing mini-golf at Sir Putt-A-Lott's, while his car's Johnson rod is replaced.



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SPORTS CORNER

Isotopes Dedicate New Season to Scooter

by Andrew Lerner
Sports Reporter

Last fall, after finishing last in their league for the 14th straight season, our semi-beloved Isotopes were hanging their heads in shame. But new manager Joe "Jilly" Wilson may yet be able to save the day for the Springfield sluggers. He's dedicating the 1991 season to the memory of the 'Topes mascot, Scooter. The lovable, two-legged beagle went to doggy heaven during the off-season in his second and final clash with the stadium lawn mower.

"Scooter may have lost his battle against the tractor, but his fight can be an example to us all," said Jilly. "Even when he was down to just two legs, he was still out there giving one thousand percent. And this season, the Isotopes will be out there with all their legs."

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EXCUSE ME- I'D LIKE TO PUT A DOWN-PAYMENT ON A QUART OF MILK!
WHERE'S IT ALL GOING TO END?
RIGHT HERE AS USUAL!
WHY DON'T THEY JUST CUT OUT THE MIDDLE MAN?
I THINK THEY JUST DID!
NIK GLAI
... AND A DOZEN EGGS ON THE LAY-AWAY PLAN!

ADVICE CORNER

Ask World-Famous Therapist Dr. Marvin Monroe

Dear Dr. Monroe:

This is my first letter to a famous columnist and I'm a little bit nervous. The people I'm writing about all read your column and I don't want to tip them off.

About three weeks ago, my ex-husband (I'll call him "John") invited me, my current spouse of eight years, "Federico," (not his real name), and our three-year-old child (whom I'll call "Sally Ann," though "she" is not necessarily a girl) for a weekend of skiing. When we arrived at "John's" vacation home, "Federico" and I found that "John's" parents were also invited for the weekend.

"John's" parents (I'll refer to them simply as "Lord and Lady Gloucester of Ghent") own a pet—a "parakeet" named "Crackers," if you will. Since my "daughter," "Sally Ann," is highly allergic to this type of animal, I politely asked "Lord and Lady Gloucester of Ghent" to keep "Crackers" the "parakeet" outside in their car, a "Volkswagen" (actually not a "Volkswagen"). I was quite stunned when one of them (I won't say which) told me that I should consider putting "Sally Ann" in the "Volkswagen" instead!

Dr. Monroe, my question to you is this: Do you think I've effectively maintained the anonymity of these people?

-- Not "Glenda" Warren

Dear Not:

As a world-famous psychiatrist, I have had the pleasure of traveling all around the world, meeting all kinds of young, successful people like yourself, and helping these people with my wide range of knowledge. I'm not quite sure if that answers your question. Good luck?

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Nuclear Power: Clean & Green

A Guest Editorial

by C. Montgomery Burns
VIP Guest Editorialist

Editor's Note: Mr. Burns is president and CEO of the Springfield Nuclear Power Plant, Springfield's largest employer. This guest editorial represents his own personal views, as well as those of his employees and their families.

Is nuclear energy friend or foe? Miles Harvey, writer of last week's guest editorial in the *Shopper,* would have you believe that nuclear power was not the safe, beneficial source of energy that it is, but rather a dangerous one. Mr. Harvey, a card-carrying member of Humans United for a Green Geosphere (HUGG), wrote that he was "unsure" whether nuclear power was an "eco-positive energy alternative" and "perhaps we have eco-better options available."

I submit that "perhaps" Mr. Harvey is "unsure" because he has no idea what he is saying. Nothing could be further from the truth. Nuclear power is, indeed, our ally, and malcontents like Mr. Harvey do our cause a world of harm by speaking out of turn.

As the man responsible for the livelihoods of some 1,300 employees and their immediate families (many of them small children), I can state with absolute certainty a number of facts Mr. Harvey and his fellow HUGGers have obviously overlooked:

•**Nuclear Power Is Safe**. To date, *not a single Springfieldian* has died as the result of nuclear power. And those who have gotten sick were those who ignored warnings about locally caught three-eyed fish and ate them anyway.

•**Nuclear Power Is Clean**. Many of our entry-level employees are recruited from local Burger Haven, Kwik-E Mart and Berger's Burgers outlets, well known for their sanitary conditions.

•**Nuclear Power Is a Renewable Resource**. Our new breeder reactors produce four times as much radio-active material as they consume, providing us with abundant fuel for generations to come.

If this is not evidence enough of nuclear power's commitment to making the world an "eco-better" place, I would invite Mr. Harvey to visit Springfield's lovely Li'l Atom Park. Once an unsightly radioactive dump, Li'l Atom Park is now a wildly lush tropical wonderland where children can run and roll in the grass, or even take a dip in the Ol' Swimmin' Hole, which stays a comfortable 96 degrees all year round. Or perhaps Mr. Harvey would care to stake out a plot in our Jolly Green Thumb Garden, where the corn is as high as an elephant's eye and the tomatoes are as big as basketballs.

Finally, I would invite Mr. Harvey to please avail himself of the facts before shooting his mouth off again. Our public relations department would be happy to provide them to him during normal business hours.

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CULTURE CORNER

"CATS"? Hot Dog!

by Lawrence Sneel
Shopper Theater/Restaurant Critic

Last Friday, the Springfield Players made their semiprofessional debut at the newly renovated Outdoor Drive-Inn Dinner Theatre, the former site of the renowned and much-lamented Dogs on Wheels Weenie Shack on old Route 9.

The Players boldly chose for their first production the avant-garde London import *"Cats,"* eschewing such familiar but old-hat mainstays as *"Oklahoma!"* By choosing such an experimental (and apparently plotless) vehicle, the Players immediately made it known that this would not be another pandering dinner theatre serving up lukewarm crowd pleasers with a side order of show stoppers.

Some theatergoers were disappointed, as was this critic, to discover that this particular production of *"Cats"* featured actors masquerading as cats and not, as the flyer had led us to believe, actual performing cats. Indeed, the many kitties brought by audience members seemed somehow drab and out of place among these colorful cat-*manques*.

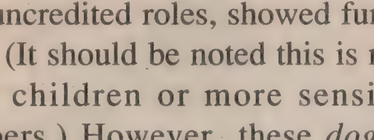
Nevertheless, the actors took to their roles with enthusiasm. Janey Flynn, in a tabby role, exuded a shrill intensity rarely seen in local productions. Her tireless meowing had this reviewer briefly on his feet and applauding.

The frequent entrances and exits of roller skating waitresses livened up an otherwise slow first act, and their scant costumes were easily as diverting as those of the performers.

The second act began on a dazzling note, with the thunderous and seemingly spontaneous entrance of Floyd Miller's dogs from across the street. The slavering dogs, in uncredited roles, showed furious intensity. (It should be noted this is not a play for children or more sensitive theatergoers.) However, these *dogs ex machina* might better have been saved for later in the proceedings, as the production simply limped to a finish after Miller called them off.

As for the food, we ordered the Weenie Deluxe and our companion had the Chili Doggeroo, both of which came with a medium-sized soft drink. We found our weenie's piquant but unassuming texture close to living up to its deluxe billing. The chili, with just a hint of spice and huge chunks of all-beef dog, had real staying power. The root beer, however, proved disappointingly flat and lifeless. Perhaps a liberal application of ice might have distracted from the soft drink's obvious flaws. As for the Milk Duds, the less said the better.

Sneel's Appraisals:



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CALENDAR

CLUB CALENDAR

by Club Correspondent Fred Newman

Sunday:

The Parents-With-Hyperactive-Teenagers (PHT) Support Group will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the rear of Springfield Police Station to identify their teens in police lineups. A covered-dish supper will be served.

The Springfield Astonomy Club will meet with telescopes ready. 9 p.m. across the street from the Fiesta Terrace Apartments. Discussion group to follow.

Monday:

The Bulbous Nose Club will have group therapy and fellowship in Lamar Tutwill's Winnebago, parked at the intersection of Main and Colonial. Members are encouraged to bring quarters for the parking meter.

Brotherhood of People Who Wear Adjustable Mesh Caps With Farm Equipment Logos will meet in the back room of Herman's Military Antiques to watch Tractor Pull on ESPN. Bring stuff to throw at TV. No loaded firearms over .30 caliber, please.

Wednesday:

All-day sign ups for the Bowlers-With-Skin-Rash League at Barney's Bowl-A-Rama. Bowlers with chafing and prickly heat needed. Please bring bowling gloves—we don't want to spread anything.

Thursday:

Nick LaTeen's Low Impact Ballroom Dance Class will hold its first Practice Dance at 8 p.m. in the old Springfield Inoculation Clinic. All music will be played at half speed to prevent injuries.

Friday:

UFO Watchers Meeting cancelled due to recent alien abductions.

Saturday:

The Krusty the Clown Fan Club will meet at Sir Putt-A-Lot's Mini Golf at 7 p.m. An acquaintance of KRUSTY WILL BE THERE TO SIGN AUTOGRAPHS!! FREE SLAW DOGS to any kids bringing their own buns and slaw! FREE TRAMPOLINE AND MINI-GOLF!! with paid admission of $8.50.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday:

Father/Daughter Pancake Breakfast. Daughters! Win prizes in the big Flip-off! Dads! Win prizes in the Badly Dressed Dad contest! Free syrup. $3 entrance fee. Sponsored by the Springfield Father/Daughter Society. B.Y.O.B.—Bring Your Own Batter!

Videogame Wars. Are you the king of Peace-Busters? Can you whip everyone you know on Killer Maniacs? Do you kick butt on Stomp Your Sister? Now's your chance to prove it or be completely humiliated! Come to Noiseland Video Arcade for our third annual Videogame Wars. 6 p.m. 'til whenever.

Sunday:

Book Burning. Any and all books wanted for bonfire. Get $.50 off your next video rental for every ten books you burn. Bring the kids. Sponsored by Veg-Out Video. 7:30 p.m. in the parking lot behind the store.

Wienie Roast. Come on down and roast 'em up. Marshmallows also welcome. 7:30 pm in the parking lot behind Veg-Out Video. All are welcome. Sponsored by Ed's Big & Beefy Meat Market.

Monday:

Diorama Exhibition. Display of Springfield's finest school-book-report shoe-box displays. Included: "King Arthur's Court," by Timmy Wilson of Mrs. Krabappel's fourth-grade class. "The knights are toothpicks, King Arthur a tongue depressor. A must-see," says the Shopper's own Gail Greener. Through Sunday at the Springfield Elementary School Gymnasium.

Unveiling of the new Burns Burn Clinic. Montgomery Burns will cut the ribbon at 3:30 in Springfield Hospital's East Wing. Reception to follow at the Char-B-Q Bar-B-Q Pit on Phillips Hill Road.

Wednesday:

Donut Wednesday. For every four dozen donuts you buy at Le Donut Shoppe, the store will donate one donut to the Springfield Shelter for the Homeless.

Thursday:

Lady's Super-Slo-Pitch softball season gets underway as the Bowl-A-Rama Babes take on Moe's Maulers. Three innings. Sensible shoes a must. 6 p.m. at Springfield Park.

Friday:

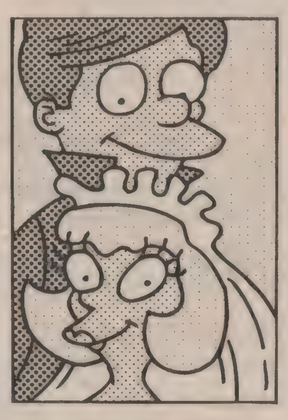
Laugh-A-Thon. Laugh along with the state's funniest funny guys as they raise money to benefit Iceland. Performers will include "Fast" Eddy Fassberg, Bobby "Slick" Iceberg, Lou "Don't Call Me Louis" Updike and Arnold "Somebody Give Me a Nickname Already" Armstrong. 8 p. m. at Berger's Burgers.

Parenting Lecture. "Be a Parent Without Going Insane." A noted child therapist will present theories on how to handle your hell-raisers and keep on smilin'. Featuring Dr. Marvin Monroe. 8 p.m. at the Springfield Civic Center. Juice, cookies and valium to be served afterward.

BIRTHS, DEATHS, ETC.

Family Matters

BORN. To Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Johnson, a boy, Don, 9 lbs., 11 oz. Born March 20 at the Happy Stork Birthing Center. The Johnsons own Atomic City Health Food.



MARRIED. John "Bong" Devito to Mary Spencer at The Rusty Scupper on March 12. "Bong" played relief outfield for Springfield Little League and is a substitute delivery driver for Burning Tongue Ice Cream. Miss Spencer is a shampooer/sweeper at Betty's Beauty Barn. The couple honey-mooned at the Adult Video Motel on Route 7.

DIED. Lt. Gen. Armstrong Jones, longtime Springfield Military Corps bandleader, in a bugling accident on March 18. Jones was 79 years old and was formerly a security adviser at the power plant.

SEPARATED. Mr. and Mrs. John Devito, on March 17.

GRADUATED. Bill Webster, from Springfield High, on March 19. Mr. Webster is 24 years old and had been enrolled in the Vocational Auto Mechanics course since 1983. he will be employed at Drive-Thru Auto Repair following a business trip to Colombia.

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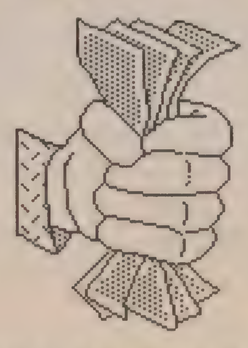

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Tonight's TV Highlights

6:30 (3) SPORTSNUTS - 30 min. Scheduled: Men who kill for tickets.
(8) YOUNG HOOLIGANS - Drama
6:55 (12) HOUR OF GUILT - Religion
7PM(3) NEWS - (Repeat)
(11) WHERE'S THE CAR? - Comedy Mystery
30 min. Hijinks ensue when Dad can't remember where he parked the car.
7:20 (12) TIMEOUT
7:30 (8) MYSTERY, SHE TYPED - 60 min. Jessica whites out a typo. (First of two parts.)
(12) VIETNAM A GO-GO - Travesty Saigon '67, nurses stage a wet T-shirt contest. Songs include "Purple Haze."
8PM (3) MY SISTER MARRIED A MORON - Comedy
(8) MOVIE - Sentimental Hogwash; 2 hrs. "Diary of a Teenage Stay-at-Home." True-life story of Cleveland's Heather Welles.
8:30 (3) UNDERWATER NUN - Religious Comedy
(11) POORFOLKS - Comedy Poverty
(12) THIRTY MINUTES TO KILL - 30 min. Test pattern
9PM(3) HEART ATTACK FESTIVAL -Exercise
(11) MY TWO-HEADED DAD - Comedy; 30 min. Heather is ashamed because of her Dad's constant bickering with himself. (Re-repeat)
(13) TWO'S COMPANY - Comedy Drama; 30 min.
(14) THREE'S A CROWD - Drama Drama; 30 min.
(15) ENOUGH'S ENOUGH - Mellow Drama; 30 min.
9:30 (3) NEWS - Comedy; 30 min.
(12) WHAT'S SO FUNNY? - Comedy??

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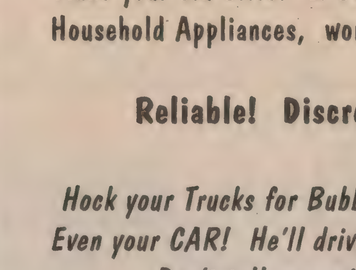
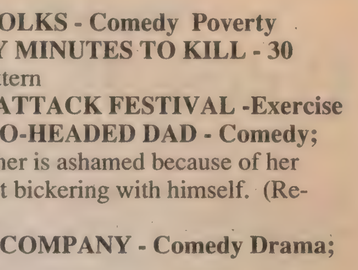


Join us every Wednesday from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 to 2:00 a.m. for our



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SHOPPER SPOTLIGHT ON :

Harry "Winks" Winkler

"Get a load of those drumsticks," said Harry "Winks" Winkler with a wink of his eye. He was referring to the new dancers in his 14,00 square-foot laundromat, recently opened on Canal Street in Capital City. "They're the finest chorus girls in the tri-county area," he quipped, winking. Harry's Cluck'n'Suds, the newly opened flagship of Harry Winkler's five-store chain of innovative laundromats, mixes heavy-duty, coin-operated washing facilities (40-pound capacity) with spicy chicken wings, beer and, now, scantily clad showgirls. "It's the mixture that packs them in," quipped Harry, waving a cigar and winking. "Everyone has a good time and leaves smelling sunshiny, lemony fresh."

"People just wanna bring me their dirty laundry."

Cleaning Up

Since its opening last month, Harry's latest Cluck'n'Suds has done a booming business. "I'm cleanin' up!" quipped Harry with a chuckle and a wink. City officials have noted complaints of lines of people with soiled laundry trailing around the block every evening, waiting to get inside. The phenomenal sensation of Harry's chain of Cluck'n'Suds and Harry's own Cinderella success story read like an article in a local shopping newspaper.

Whipped

For 17 years, Harry worked as a night-duty valve reamer at the Springfield Nuclear Plant, but suddenly, after an accident involving a whipped-cocoa vending machine in the company cafeteria, Harry was forced into early retirement. "The cup was stuck sideways," explains Harry with a wink. "Without thinking, I just stuck my hand in there to pull it out, and I got pinned." He was nearly "whipped to a pulp" before the rescue 911 team could remove him. The result was the flamboyant facial tick that has since become his signature. "Hey, I took the settlement money and ran. Best thing that ever happened to me."

Permanent Spin Cycle

Harry started his first Cluck'n'Suds two years ago in his own garage on F Street in Springfield, with his ex-wife Patsy in a bathing suit and high-heels, serving up cajun-style chicken wings "to pull in the crowds...And it just sorta took off from there." Soon after his initial success came bigger and better washers and more Cluck'n'Suds outlets. Five laundromats and a divorce later, Harry Winkler is on a "permanent spin cycle," as he calls it. "And this facial-tick-thing turned out to be the greatest. When you wink at people, they just think you're making little private jokes with 'em, and they just wanna bring you their dirty laundry," Harry quipped privately with a wink.

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VEG-O-MATIC VIDEO

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next to the huge plastic cow.

CRIME WATCH

Police Blotter

Monday 3 a.m. Report of armed assailant wearing orange jumpsuit and brown ski mask entering Kwik-E Mart and leaving with $236 in cash, 3 Le Beuf Jerkies, quart of milk.

6:30 a.m. Mrs. Adele Crounch, 683 St. Frank's Pkwy., reported small man throwing an object at her house. Investigation revealed the small man to be a new paperboy whom she didn't recognize.

Tuesday 4:30 p.m. Patrol officer observed two 9-year-old youths relieving 8-year-old playmate of his "Itchy and Scratchy" brand bubble gum. Suspects were persuaded to return unchewed portion under threat of reform school.

Wednesday 3 a.m. Kwik-E Mart robbed of $124, Li'l Ms. Muffin, coffee, black, two sugars. Suspect reported wearing orange jump suit and brown ski mask.

Thursday 12:47 a.m. Mrs. Adele Crounch, 683 St. Frank's Pkwy., reported ghostly figure peeping through her windows. Investigation revealed peeper to be Mrs. Crounch's own reflection.

Friday 3 a.m. Armed robbery at Kwik-E-Mart. Man in orange jumpsuit and brown ski mask reportedly escaped with $192, case of Duff Beer, bag of Cheez Crimps. Wished proprietor a nice weekend.

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SPRINGFIELD'S POET LAUREATE, Theodore Cox III, will read from his latest volume of verse, "Field of Springs," next Monday evening at the Springfield Public Library Cultural Room, immediately following an encore showing of "The Incredible Mr. Limpet." Warning: Many of Mr. Cox's poems do not rhyme.

SPRINGY SINGLES will hold its monthly progressive dinner date next Friday as follows: 6 - 7:15 p.m. Cocktails and nachos at El Beer y Burro; 7:30 - 8:45 p.m. Dinner and drinks at McCrabbish's Scotch 'n' Seafood; 9 - 10:45 p.m. Dessert and postprandial toasts at Here's Pie in Your Eye!; 11 p.m - ? Nightcap at your place or theirs. Springy Singles Love Bus is still out of commission, so participating singles will have to drive their own cars. Please choose designated drivers.

PERSONALS

AM I THE ONLY ONE having trouble with 22 across on last week's Capital City Courier crossword? The clue was "Village _____." So far I have Blank-D-BLANK-O-T. Willing to trade answer to this one for answers 6 down, 19 down or 34 across. Shopper Box 13.

I HAVE CATALOGED EVERY PROFANITY AND LEWD REFERENCE ON PRIME-TIME TELEVISION SINCE 1982, but need your help to continue this important work. Please send your unused scraps of paper and pencil nubs to Abraham "Grandpa" Simpson, Springfield Retirement Home, Room 23.

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INSIDERS REVEAL THE SECRET TO SIMPSONS' SUCCESS:

"THEY NEVER THINK EVIL THOUGHTS"

An Interview with Animation Directors David Silverman and Wes Archer

You've now reached the part of Simpsons Illustrated *that really sets it apart from any other magazine. Get ready to go Behind the Scenes. We'll take you where no other magazine can or will go. Why? Because we won't let them! We're going to give you the inside scoop on all things 'Simpson' as only we can.*

In this first Behind the Scenes, we're ripping the lid off the animation process that brings the Simpsons to life. It takes over six months, 100 people and 16,000 drawings to create a new half-hour in the lives of the Simpsons. Among the show's creators are artists who spend all their time making the characters move or drawing the story's settings or painting the finished pictures.

Designing new characters is one of the most important parts of making the show happen, and that's where directors David Silverman and Wes Archer come in. Whenever a new character appears, these guys snap into action, figuring out what he or she will look like from the back, front, top or bottom. They decide which expressions would be appropriate for a character and which would look out of place. They also oversee the show's pacing and make sure the storyboards are telling the story each week properly, often rolling up their sleeves and drawing layouts, and storyboards themselves.

We caught up with David and Wes in the Los Angeles offices of Klasky-Csupo Animation, where The Simpsons *is put together.*

Wes and friend.

David deepens his dimples.

Simpsons Illustrated: *Do you guys walk, talk and breathe* The Simpsons?

DAVID (In a Homer laugh)**:** Heh-heh-heh. Seriously, it's a really tough job, but really fun. We call it "The Art of Bart."

S: *What's your approach to drawing* The Simpsons?

DAVID: Wes and I like to keep the drawing simple and clear. Animation should never be the star of the story. Good animation *tells* a story. It shouldn't say "Look how great these drawings are!"

WES: Clear picture composition is really important.

S: *How have the characters changed since the show's early days?*

DAVID: Bart used to be a total egghead. His first line ever was,

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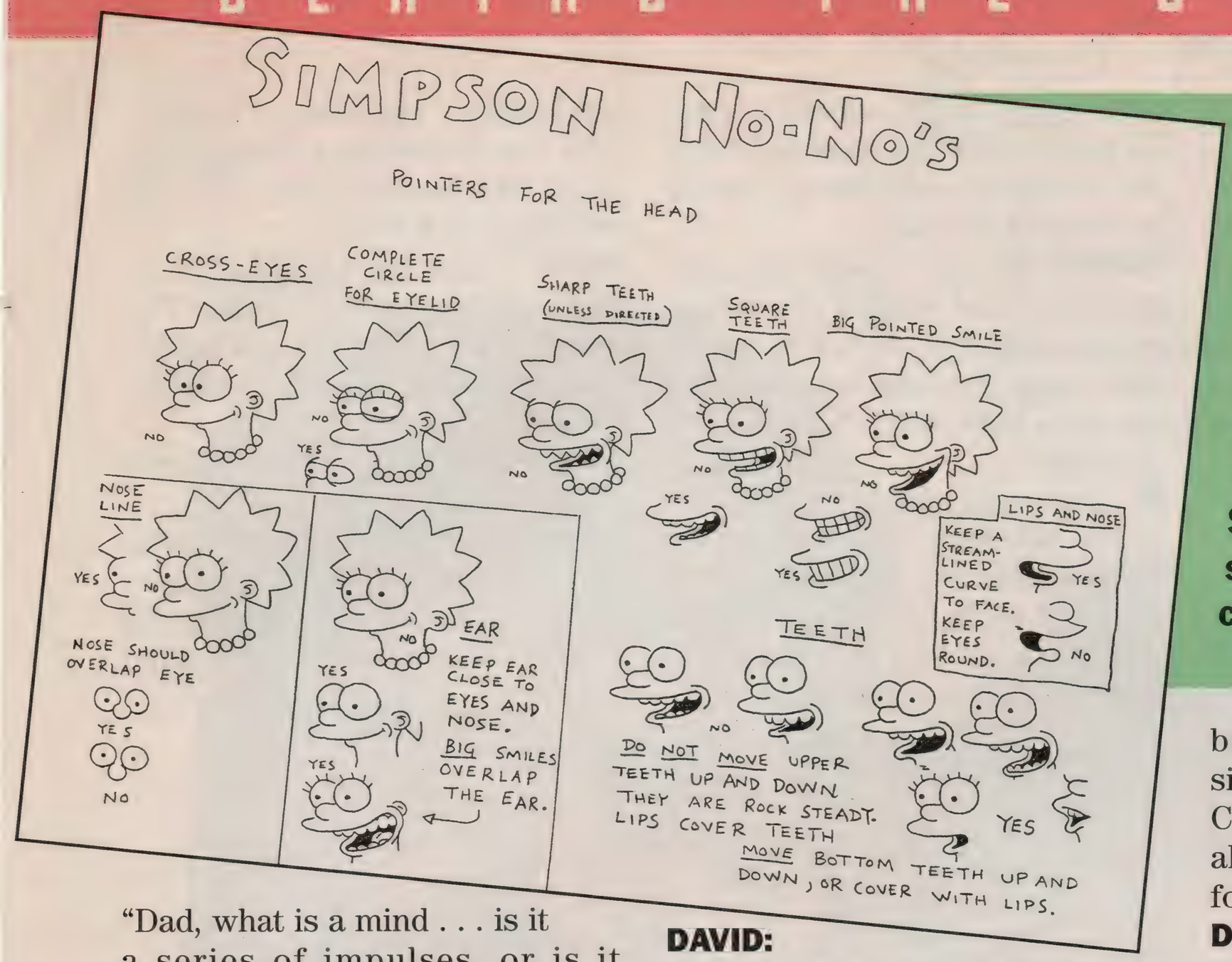


How *Not* to Draw The Simpsons: Model sheets, like the one shown on the left for Lisa, drawn by Wes Archer in 1989, show animators what to avoid when drawing the Simpsons. Everything is spelled out for the artists—like, the Simpsons never have sharp or square teeth and never, ever cross their eyes.

"Dad, what is a mind . . . is it a series of impulses, or is it something more tangible?" As he developed, Bart became more mischievous.

S: *How has he changed visually?*

DAVID: We used to have a war over how many spikes of hair he'd have. First it was 13, then Wes drew seven.

WES: So we compromised on nine or ten. Lisa used to have a billion points on her head and her skirt.

S: *Marge's hair is the real phenomenon.*

DAVID: When we were first drawing Marge, we kept making her hair taller and taller because it was such a riot having it bounce against doorways. Then it got a little out of control and we cut it down to the tame beehive it is today.

S: *I've heard Homer was first modeled after Walter Matthau.*

DAVID: He was, in that scruffy- faced, bulbous kind of way. But really, Homer is like an older version of Bart, visually and character-wise. The funny thing is, he's supposed to be setting an example for Bart, but he always says stuff like, (in his Homer voice) "Son, being popular is the most important thing in the world."

WES: Homer used to be thinner but we added a paunch. We simplified his head to more of a Charlie Brown style, but he's always had those croquet hooks for hair.

"Bart's first line ever was, 'Dad, what is a mind . . . is it a series of impulses, or is it something more tangible?' "

DAVID: [Simpson's creator] Matt [Groening]'s style was sort of flat, because his medium was different. We had to give dimensionality and movement to the characters. The characters are pretty geometric—like Homer's Ping-Pong ball eyes.

WES: More like softball eyes.

S: *How do you translate character personalities into design?*

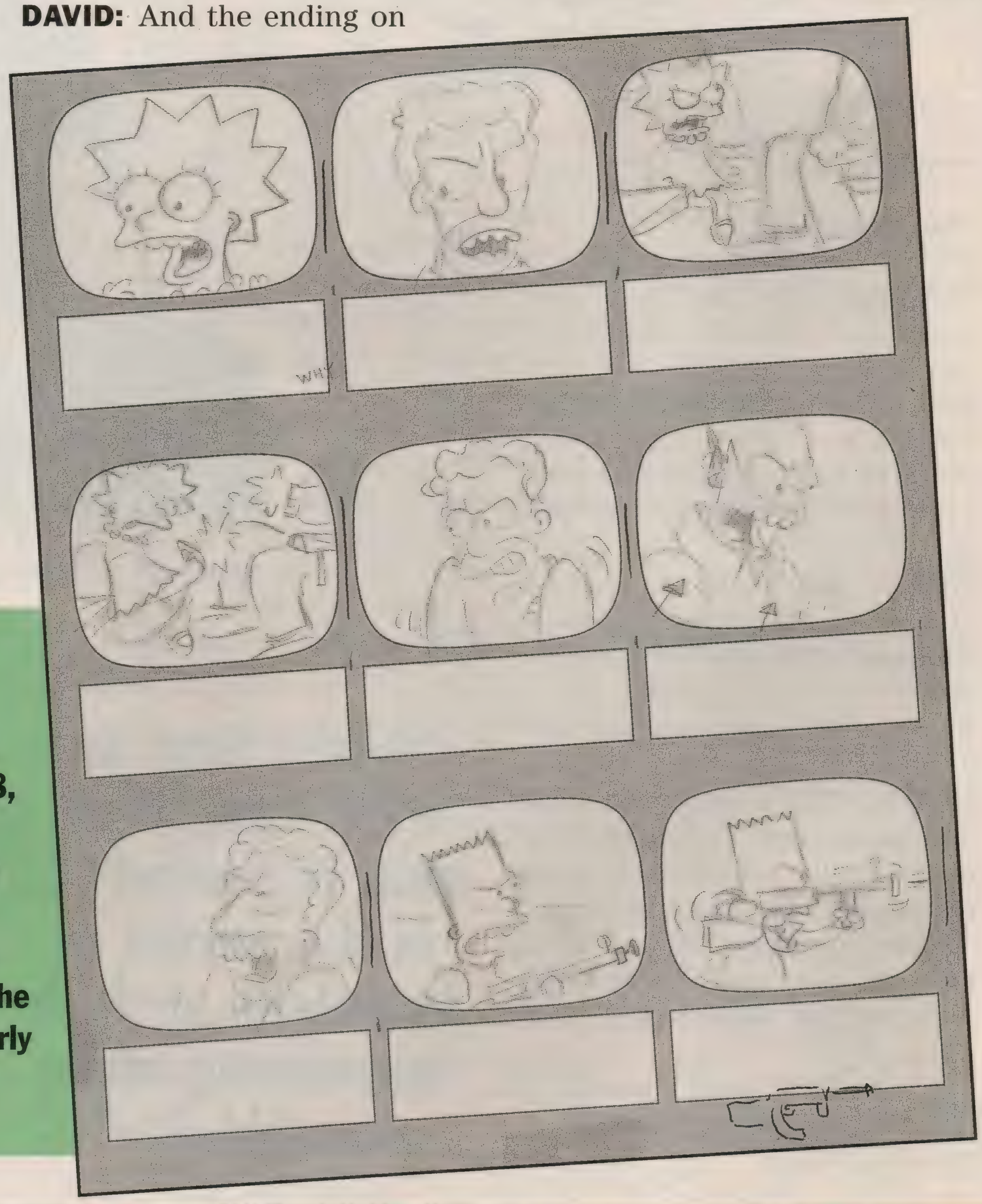
DAVID: Our goal was to develop a style of animation, of motion, that conveyed Matt's sense of the bizarre—the quirkiness of his characters. His style really goes against the norm. The Simpsons are hyper and impulsive, so we made the animation follow that.

S: *How so?*

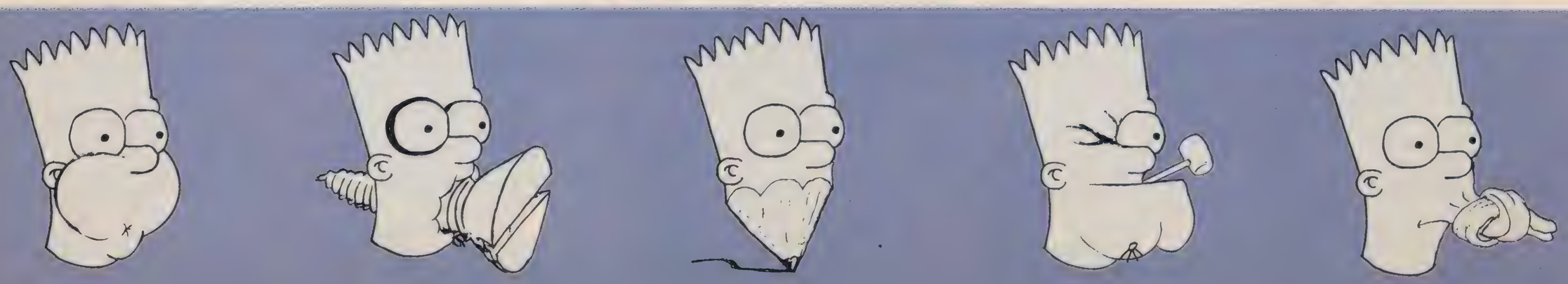
DAVID: When they move, their arms flail around. Their mouths are all over the place. There are at least 12 to 15 drawings for every expression.

Bart, Is That You?: The basic blank-mouthed Bart portrait undergoes strange transformations at the hands of various animators.

S: *Why aren't the Simpsons flesh-toned?*
WES: The color stylist decided one day that Bart should be yellow. Matt said, "This is weird. I like it," so it stayed. Flesh color wouldn't work because there'd be no separation between their head and hair. Plus, the loud colors make their world surreal.
S: *Where do the guest characters, like Marge's sisters, come from?*
DAVID: The sisters are a squashed down version of Marge. So I took Marge's face and sort of crushed it up and gave the sisters the famous Marge hair. Characters mostly come from people we actually know. Matt named Marge and Homer after his own parents.
S: *Any others?*
WES: Homer's boss, Burns, went through a lot of design work. He's basically a praying mantis. He's a human bug. The voice also helps a lot with design. We've had some great actors do guest voices: Cloris Leachman, Danny DeVito, James Earl Jones, who was also Darth Vader. Once we hear a character's voice, which we get on tape before we start to create the visuals for an episode, it helps us shape their look.
DAVID: Oh, we based Herman, the one-armed soldier of fortune, on the guy who actually wrote that script. We also take a lot of our cues from Matt's "Life in Hell" drawings.
S: *There are people who like to watch the show for the changing visuals, like the different "I will not . . ." on the blackboard every week.*
DAVID: And the ending on the couch. The Homer shuffle. The couch breaking through the floor. My favorite was the one with no couch at all.
WES: There are artists who do nothing but backgrounds. The street scenes. The pictures behind the principal's head in "Bart the Genius."
S: *You use some strange angles in the series.*
DAVID: In every episode there's at least one reference to a classic movie, like *The Graduate*. We also did the shower scene from



Let Go Of Your Anger: Storyboards, like the one on the right, drawn by David Silverman in 1988, when the Simpsons were part of *The Tracey Ullman Show*, give the artists the chance to plan the visuals for an episode, including the characters' expressions and the camera angles that will most clearly show the action.



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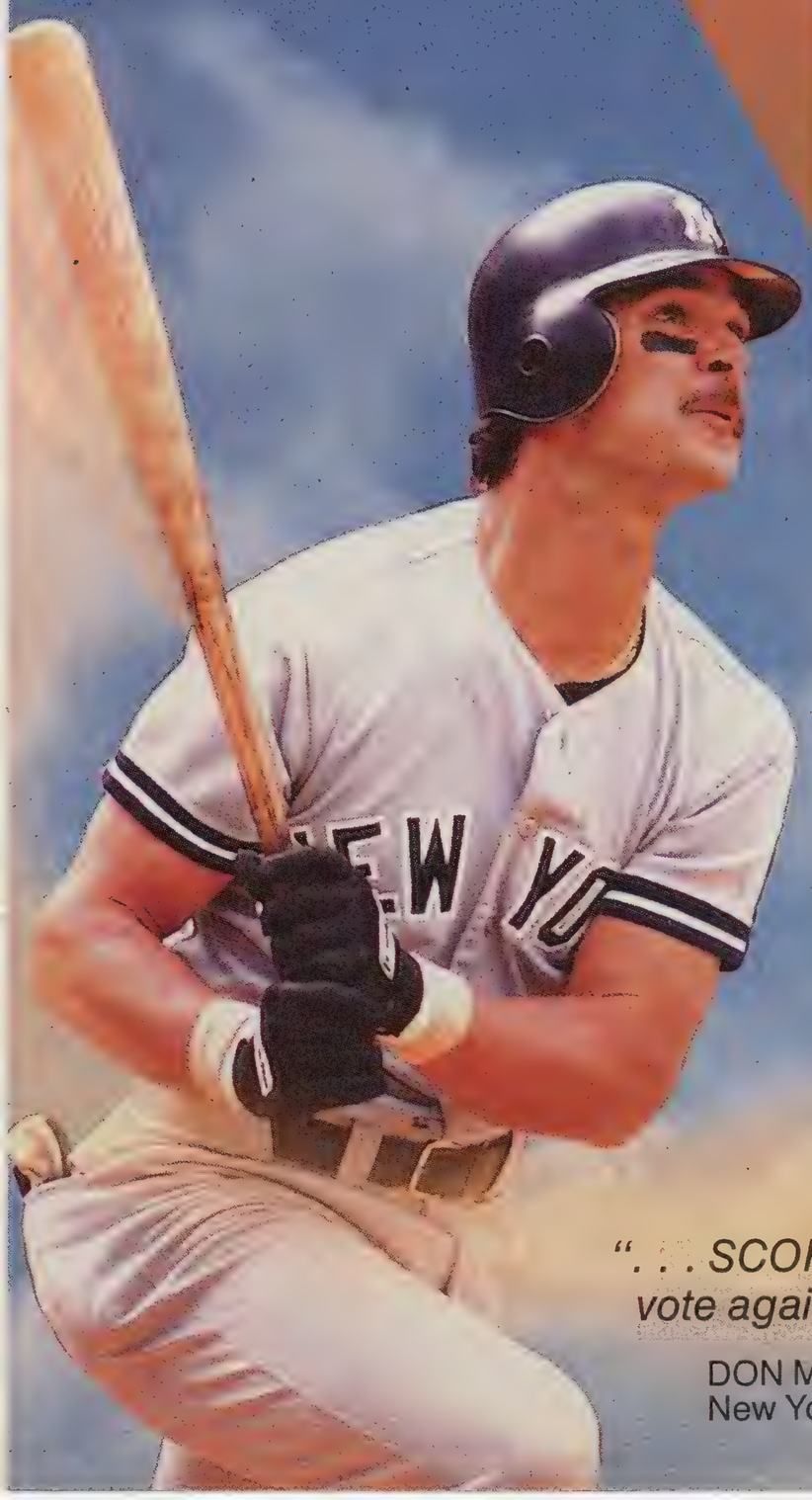

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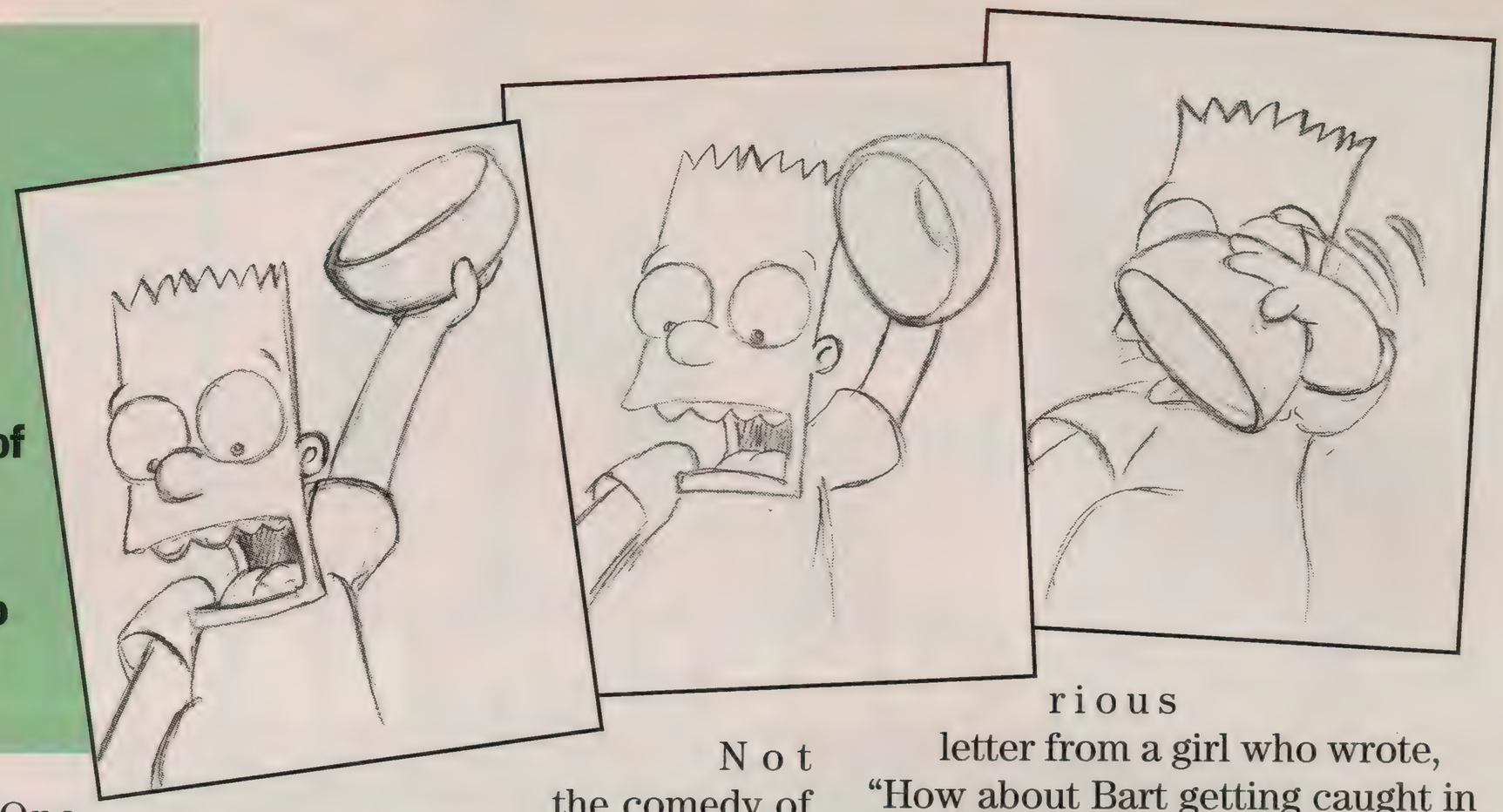

Look Out, Man: These three animation drawings, by David Silverman, show the Bartman in action. From here, another artist will draw the steps between each of these drawings, with Bart's arm moved just a little from one drawing to the next.

Psycho shot for shot. One episode's based on *Treasure of the Sierra Madre.*

WES: The baseball episode with the Springfield Isotopes was a spin-off from *Pride of The Yankees*. We even went from color to black-and-white in one sequence.

DAVID: It's our way of subversively promoting culture (*laughs*).

S: *What's something a Simpsons character would never do?*

WES: They never think evil thoughts.

DAVID: They *never* cross their eyes. They look wall-eyed. What's cool about the characters is that their eyes make them look like a couple of neurons aren't quite firing—like they're partly living in the clouds, in their own Simpsons universe.

WES: Homer never hits Bart. He chokes him, but Bart chokes him back (*laughs*). You have to understand the way people act to draw *The Simpsons*. It's the comedy of how people really act, the stupid things they actually do. Not the comedy of something falling on someone's head.

S: *So it takes a certain Simpsons mentality to draw the show.*

WES: I remember erasing animators' drawings left and right in the beginning. They had Lisa and Bart's tongues wagging out of their mouths. They didn't trust the lines of dialogue, so they made goofy faces and gestures to tell the joke.

S: *Where do you get story ideas?*

DAVID: There's a bulletin board with at least 50 ideas taped up. "Bart goes to a rock concert." "Bart goes to camp."

WES: We get tons of viewer mail with funny ideas. We got a hilarious letter from a girl who wrote, "How about Bart getting caught in an elevator or the sewer, or getting a girlfriend?"

S: *Any tips for future animators?*

WES: Draw as much as possible and see tons of movies. That's where we get ideas for absurd expressions and movement. And listen to all different kinds of music; it's good for determining timing. Always consider that your characters are moving in three dimensions.

DAVID: Definitely. For instance, it takes four drawings to have Homer throw his arms up in the air fast, but maybe eight or ten drawings to have him put his hand on his head and shake it. It's a lot of work—six months and over 100 people just to do *one* show. It's also important to look at paintings, to see where an artist puts people and objects in a frame, and how that makes them more or less important. Wes and I studied art till our heads practically popped off.

—Holly Macfee

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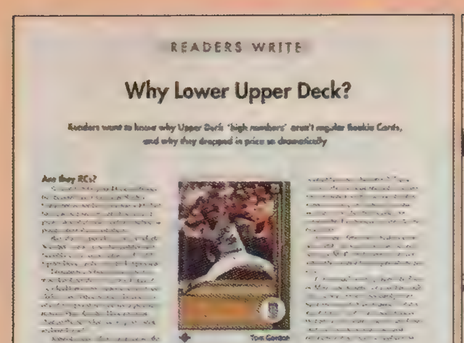
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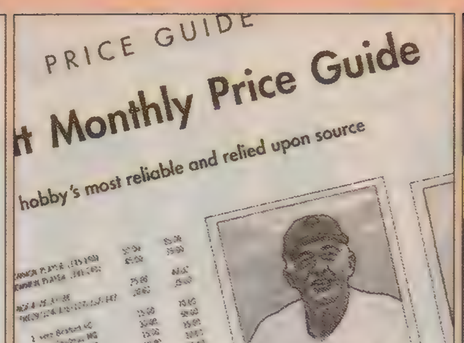
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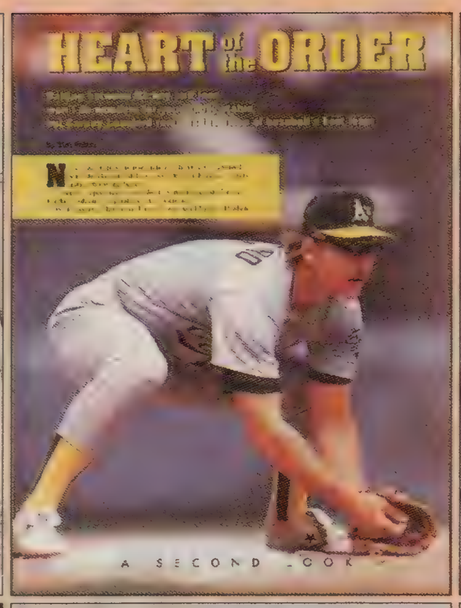
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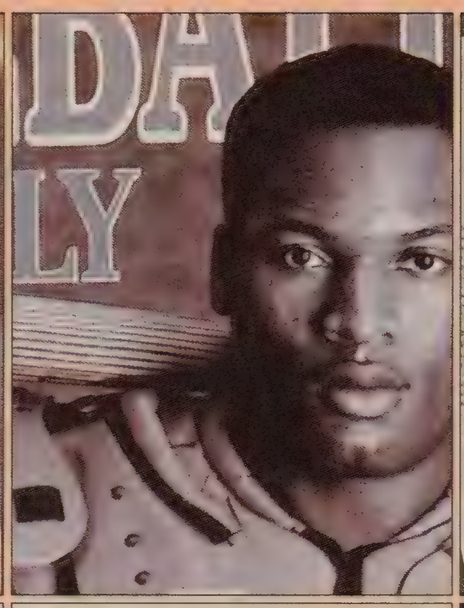
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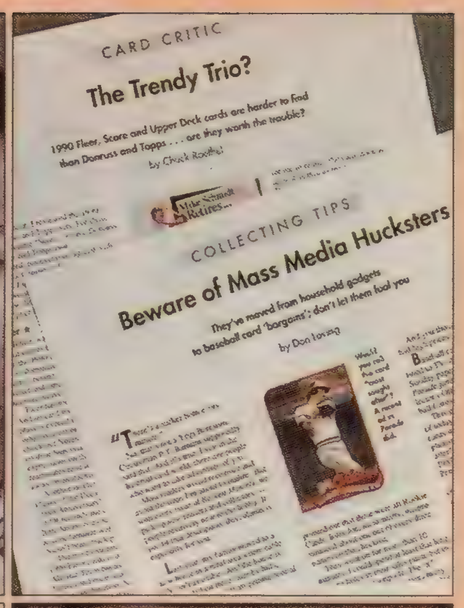
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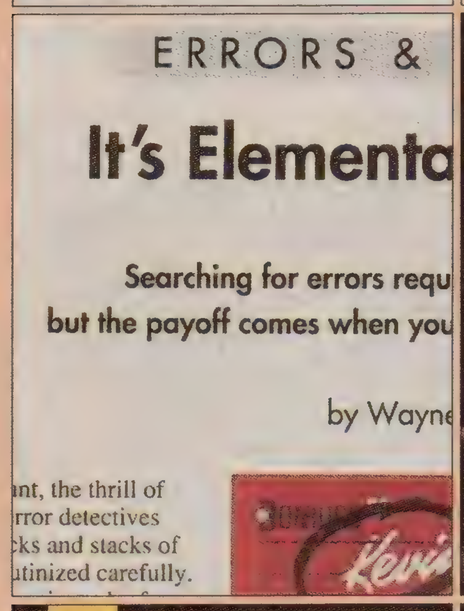
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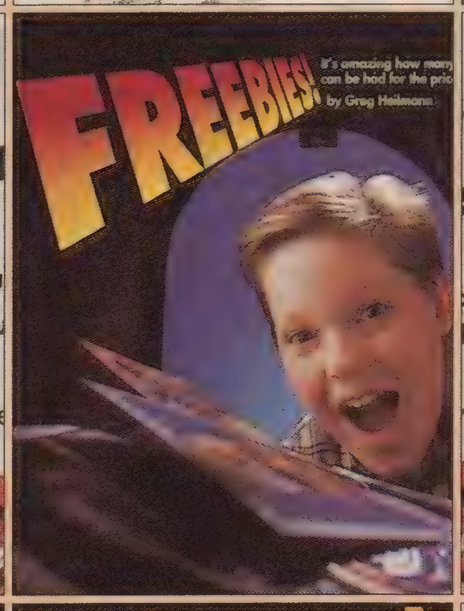
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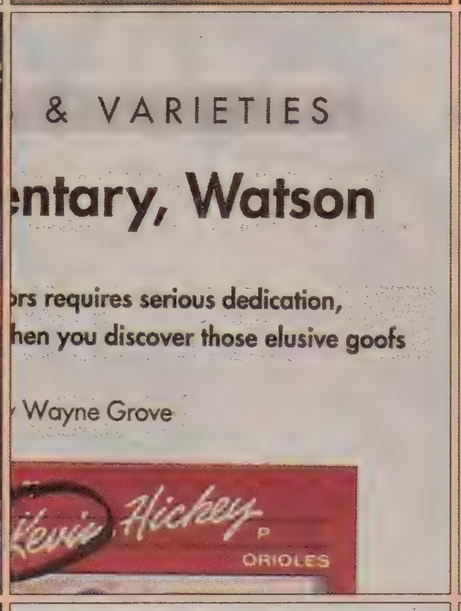
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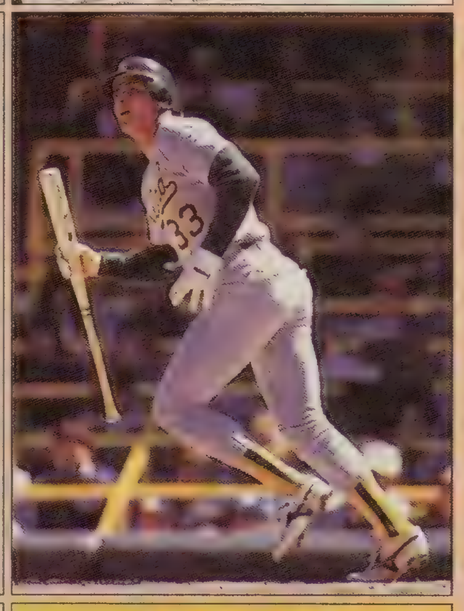

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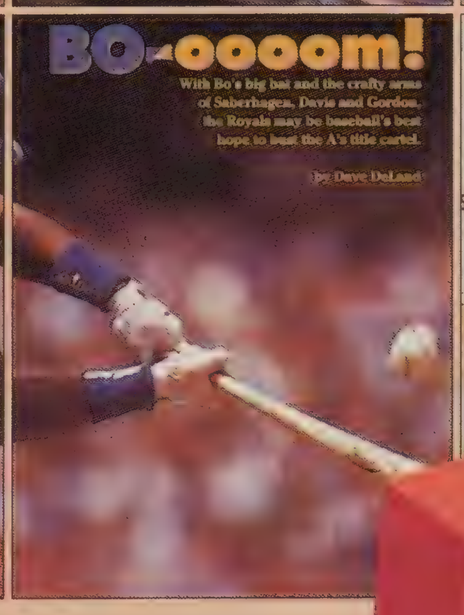
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With Bo's big bat and the crafty arms of Saberhagen, Davis and Gordon, the Royals may be baseball's best hope to bust the A's title cartel.

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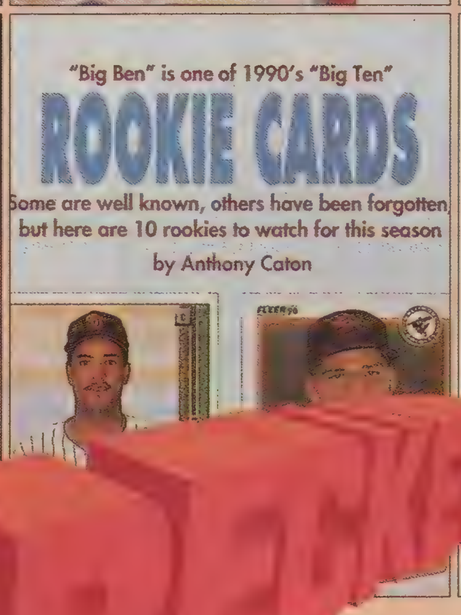
"Big Ben" is one of 1990's "Big Ten"

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Some are well known, others have been forgotten but here are 10 rookies to watch for this season

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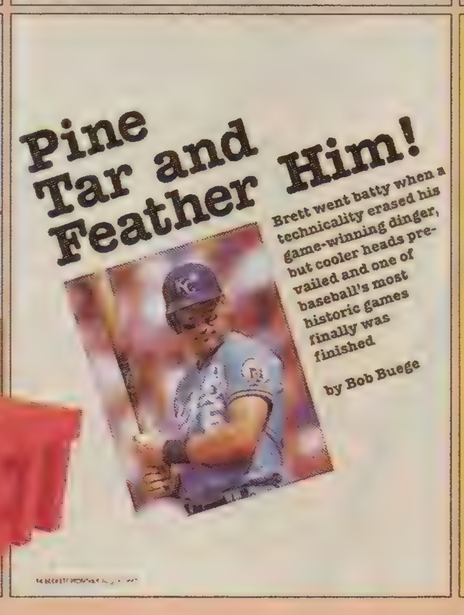
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Brett went batty when a technicality erased his game-winning dinger, but cooler heads prevailed and one of baseball's most historic games finally was finished

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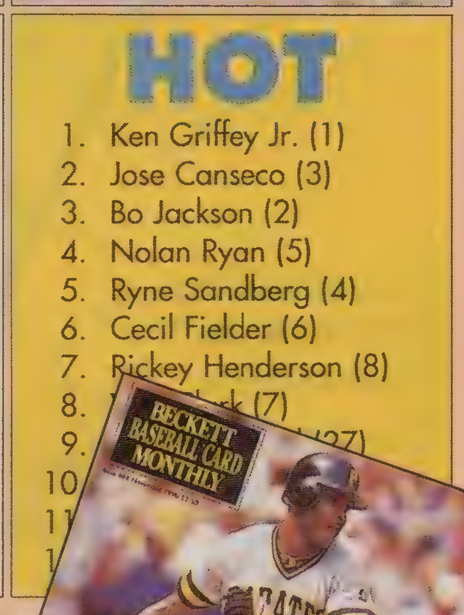
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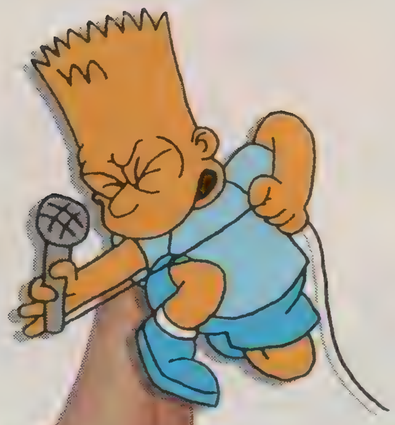

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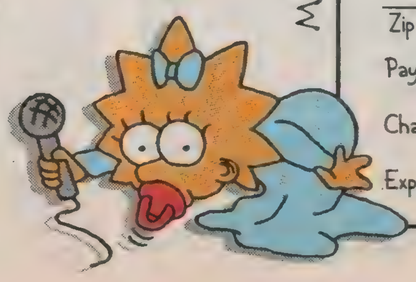

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HEY, KIDS! WHO DO YOU LOVE?!

KRUSTY!!!

HOW MUCH DO YOU LOVE ME?!

WITH ALL OUR HEARTS!!!

THE CANNON! THE CANNON! THE CANNON!

THE CANNON! THE CANNON! THE CANNON! HOOORAAAY!

BOOOM

DON'T BLAME ME! I DIDN'T DO IT!

LATER...

FOR KRUSTY

KA-POW

DON'T BLAME ME! I DIDN'T DO IT! Sideshow Bob

ARNOLD EATS HIS DINNER

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FOR THOU ART THE POWER AND THE HOLY GHOST.

AMEN.

UNCLE LARS, PLEASE PASS THE PEAS. HOW IS YOUR NEW WOODEN LEG?

STILL HURTS... BOY, THIS MEAT LOAF IS TASTY, THOUGH. HOW'S YOUR MOTHER?

STILL WORKING SWING SHIFT AT THE GIFT SHOP.

SHE'S FINE.

HOW WAS HER OPERATION?

UNCLE HAROLD IS STILL GOIN BACK FOR CHE OPS.

REMINDS OF THE TIM ORE THE WA

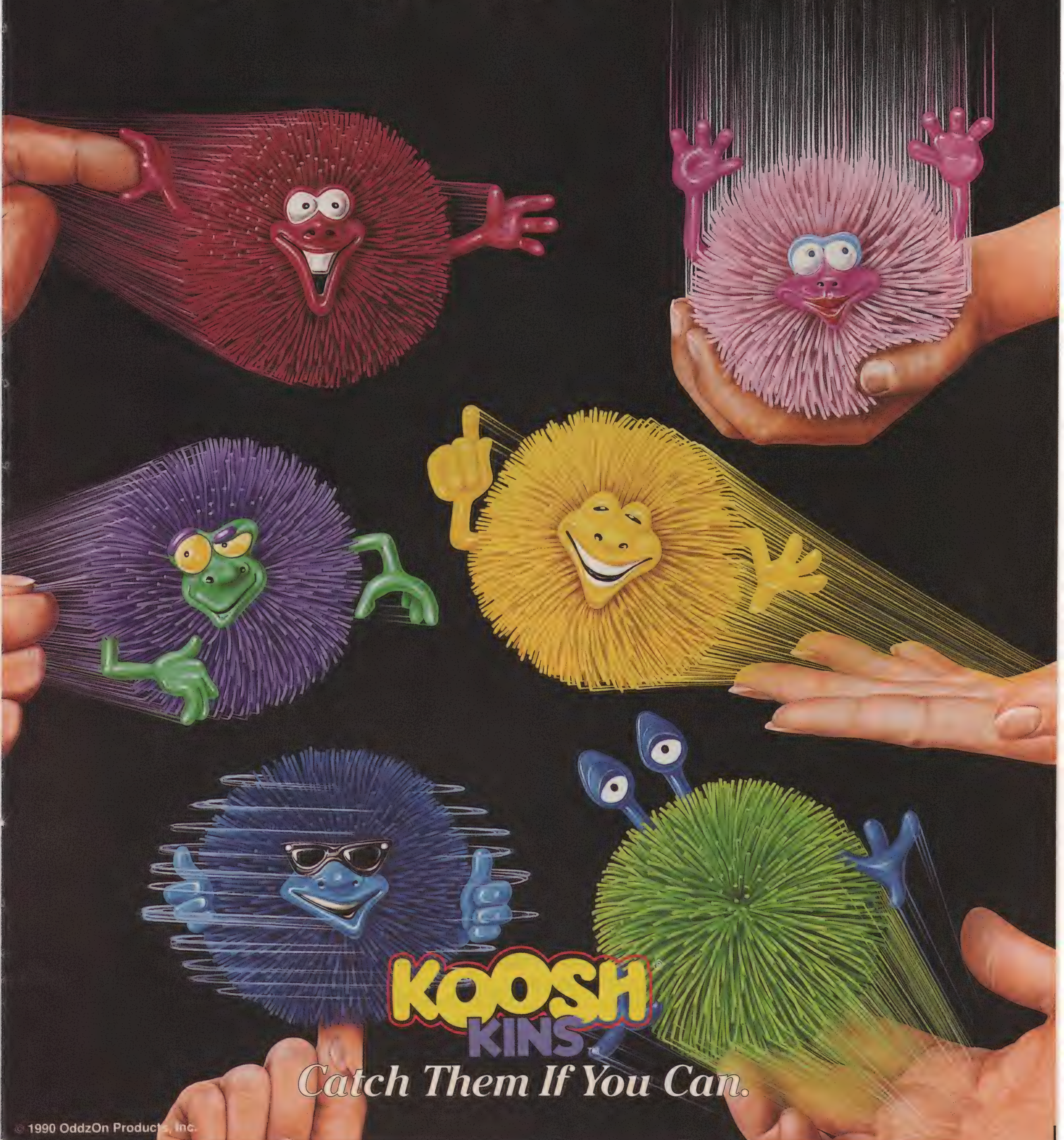
THINK W BECOME LO IN AFRICA ARN

ARNOLD? WHAT HAPPENED AT SCHOOL TODAY?

POOF

WE WENT TO THE ZOO.

Out Of Control!



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TOP SECRET

SCHOOL SURVIVAL HANDBOOK

CLIP AND KEEP IN NOTEBOOK FOR EASY REFERENCE

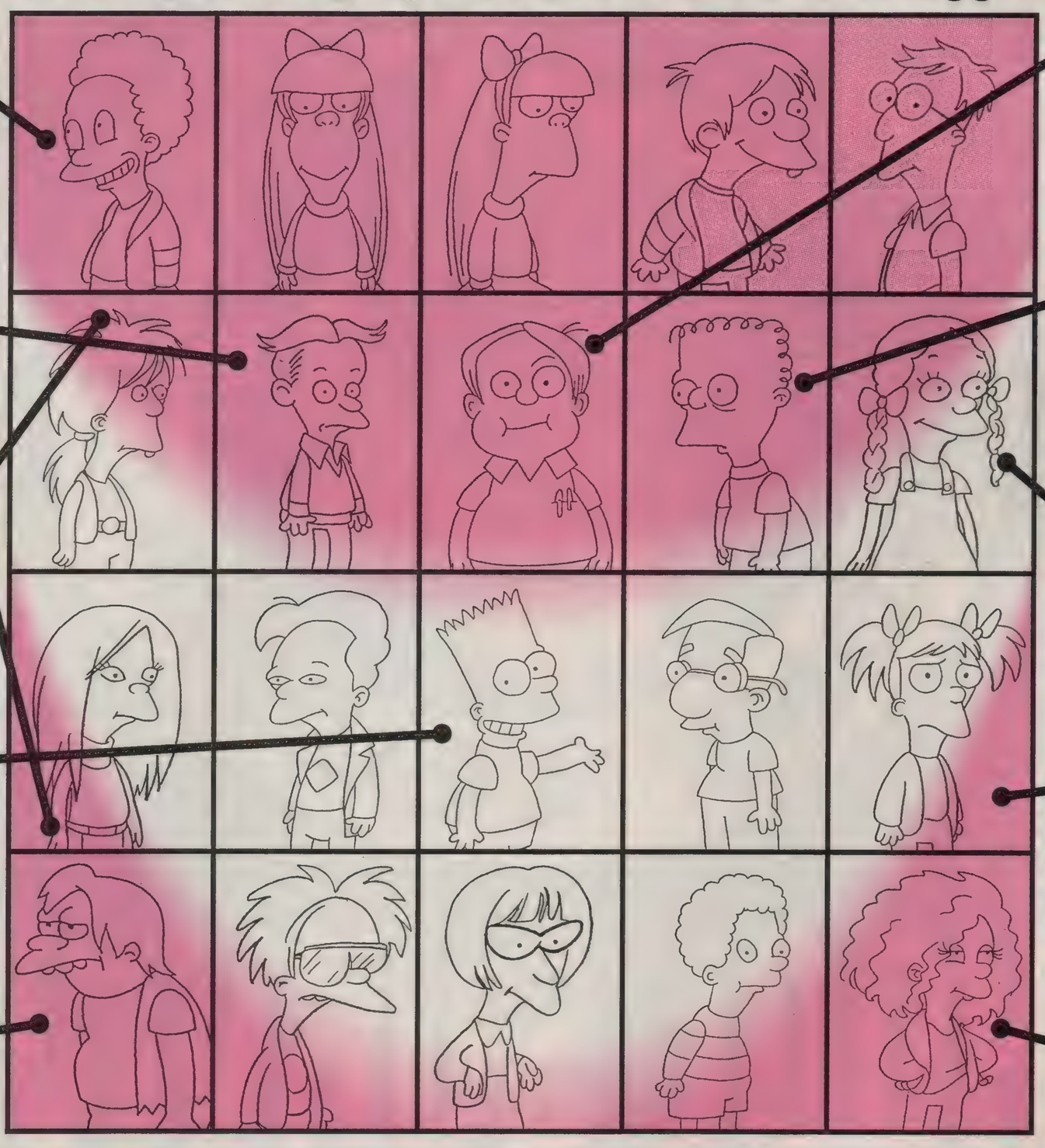
WARNING!

DO NOT LET THIS FALL INTO THE HANDS OF TEACHERS, PRINCIPALS, OR OTHER HUMORLESS AUTHORITY FIGURES!

CLASSROOM TACTICS

THE SEATING CHART:

Gaining the high ground in the class struggle



FRONT ROW
NERDS, GOODY-GOODIES, AND OVER ACHIEVERS

THE SNITCH
NEED WE SAY MORE?

DANGER ZONE
SHADED AREAS SUBJECT TO MAXIMUM TEACHER SCRUTINY

BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE
LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

MORONS IN THE BACK ROW
PERSIST IN MISGUIDED BELIEF THAT THEY ARE INVISIBLE

THE BRAINIAC
A NEARBY SEAT IS A BIG PLUS AT EXAM TIME

WHATSISNAME
NEVER SPEAKS UP, NEVER ACTS UP—WHO IS HE, ANYWAY?

THE PERKY GIRL
ACTUALLY SEEMS TO BE ENJOYING HERSELF

THE MALCONTENT
IS THIS YOU?

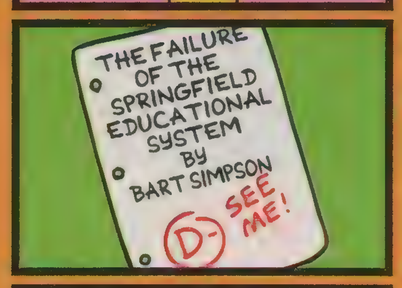
THE SMUG ONES
20 YEARS FROM NOW, THEY'LL STILL BE A SOURCE OF IRRITATION

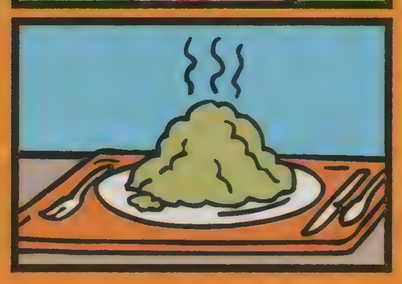
BE CAREFUL:

WITH TEACHERS: NEVER MAKE DIRECT EYE CONTACT

WITH REPORTS: KEEP IT VAGUE AND UNOPINIONATED

WITH CAFETERIA FOOD: MAY CAUSE UNKNOWN SIDE EFFECTS





IF YOU ARE CAUGHT:

- ACT SHOCKED, SPEECHLESS, AND HURT (THIS WILL BUY YOU TIME TO THINK UP A BETTER EXCUSE)
- TRY THE OLD RELIABLE: "IDIDN'TDOIT NOBODYSAWMEDOITYOUCAN'TPROVE ANYTHING"
- CONFESS IMMEDIATELY—THIS WILL CONFUSE AND UNBALANCE YOUR OPPONENT

TRY THIS EXTRA-CREDIT BRAINTEASER!

Q: Is school a valuable opportunity for intellectual stimulation and growth, or just a way to get you out of your parents' hair for 12 years?

A: Yes.

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GUERRILLA STRATEGIES

SCIENTIFIC FACT!

TIME ACTUALLY DOES PASS MUCH MORE QUICKLY ON WEEKENDS THAN DURING SCHOOL DAYS!

HERE ARE SEVERAL FIELD-TESTED WAYS TO COPE WITH THIS WEIRD TEMPORAL PHENOMENON

DOODLE

EASY, FUN, AND ARTISTICALLY SATISFYING. ADDED BENEFIT: TEACHER MAY ACTUALLY THINK YOU ARE WORKING

USE SIGN LANGUAGE

HINT: WORKS BEST WHEN TEACHER'S BACK IS TURNED

PASS NOTES

CAUTION: ALTHOUGH IT MAY LOOK COOL IN OLD MOVIES, SWALLOWING A NOTE WHEN CAUGHT IS PROBABLY NOT A GOOD IDEA

GO TO THE REST ROOM

10 MINUTES PER TRIP x
6 CLASSES PER DAY =
25 FEWER DAYS OF CLASS PER YEAR

WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS

LISTEN TO THE TEACHER—
YOU COULD POSSIBLY LEARN SOMETHING INTERESTING

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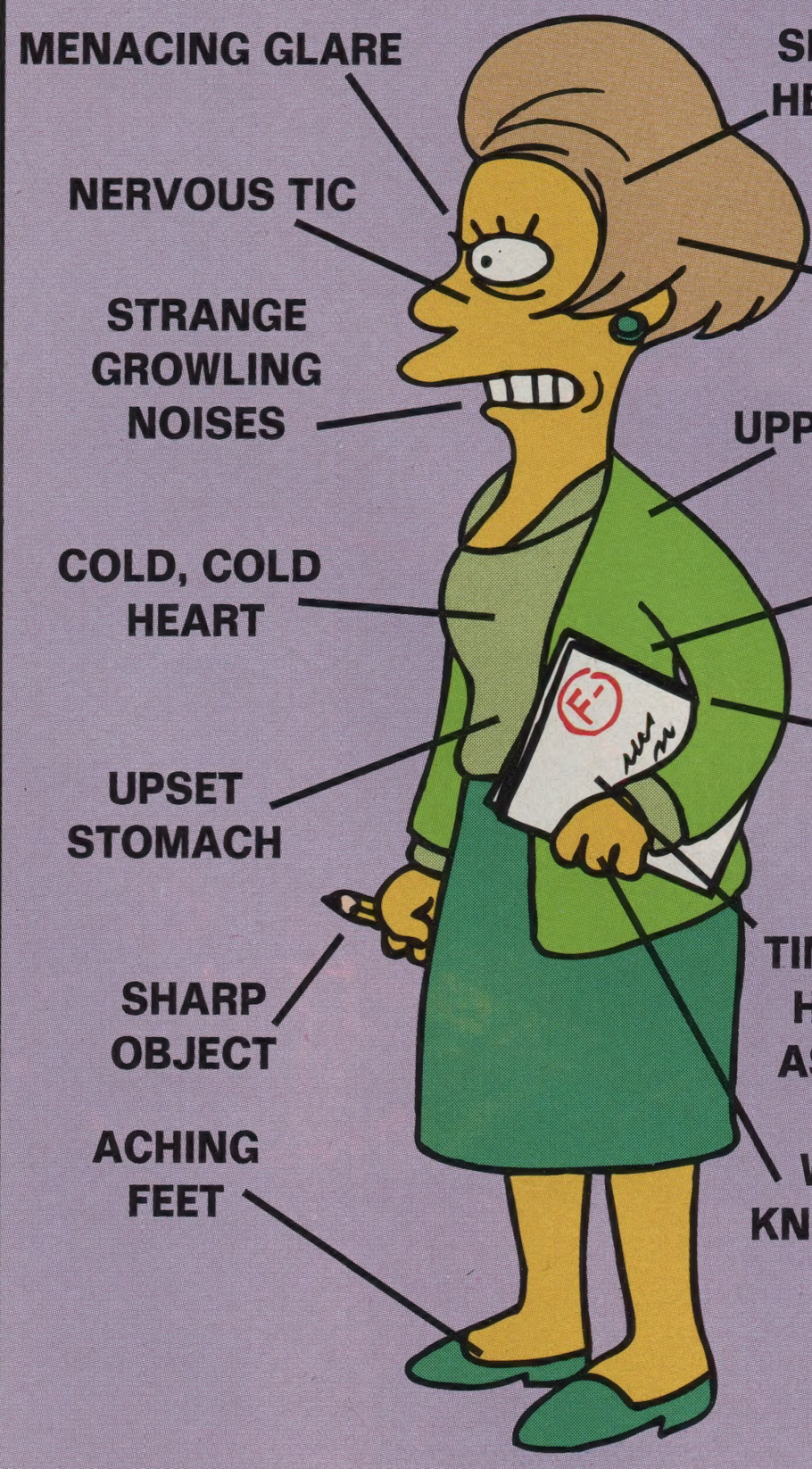
Know Your Enemy:

THE TEACHER

Ticking Time Bomb of the Classroom



REMEMBER: YOU WILL EVENTUALLY GRADUATE* AND GET OUT OF THIS PLACE, BUT YOUR TEACHER IS STUCK HERE PERMANENTLY. (THIS MAY EXPLAIN WHY HE OR SHE GETS A MITE TESTY AT TIMES.)

*BE SURE YOU DO

THINGS TEACHERS DON'T WANT TO HEAR WHEN THEY SAY, "ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?"

"Will this be on the test?"
"Was that A.D. or B.C.?"
"May I go to the bathroom?"
"Could you repeat that?"

FIGHTING BACK

A THREE-STEP APPROACH

1. TAKE CAREFUL NOTES ON ALL THE BORING, STUPID, AND UNFAIR THINGS GOING ON AROUND YOU
2. WAIT 20 YEARS
3. USE NOTES AS BASIS FOR WILDLY SUCCESSFUL TV SERIES

AND IF YOU DO SURVIVE SCHOOL, THEN WHAT? HERE'S ONE WAY TO FIND OUT!

WHAT DOES MY FUTURE HOLD?

A SIMPLE QUIZ • NO STUDYING • NO CHEATING

1. When you are picked on by the school bully, you:
A. Tell the principal
B. Tell the teacher
C. Hide in your locker
D. Attempt to distract him with witty repartee

2. When the teacher asks if you have your homework, you:
A. Say: "Yes, ma'am, and I'd like to say that I found the subject quite fascinating and stimulating"
B. Say: "The dog ate it"
C. Say: "Homework? What homework?"
D. Attempt to distract her with witty repartee

3. When called upon to read your book report, you:
A. Deliver a stirring account of Lee Iacocca's autobiography
B. Give a competent synopsis of *Black Beauty*
C. Summarize the latest issue of *Radioactive Man*
D. Bluff your way through *Treasure Island* attempt to distract with witty repartee

SCORING
Count 4 points for each A answer, 3 for each B, 2 for each C, and 1 for each D

Now find your point total in the list below to discover your future career:

12 POINTS
Politician, media figure, corporate executive, school principal

9–11 POINTS
Mid-level bureaucrat, IRS agent, school teacher

4–8 POINTS
Assistant manager of fast-food franchise, car salesman, vice president of the United States

0–3 POINTS
Publishers' Clearinghouse Sweepstakes entrant, daytime TV viewer, embittered struggling artist

BART'S BOTTOM 40

1. LISA'S SAXOPHONE
2. VEGETABLES THAT DON'T FLY WELL OFF YOUR SPOON
3. WRINKLED OLD GROWNUPS - - I HOPE I NEVER BECOME ONE
4. THE CHEAP LOUSY PRIZES THEY GIVE AWAY IN BOXES OF FROSTY KRUSTY FLAKES
5. HAVING NIGHTMARES THAT I'M A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK
6. BEING CAUGHT RED-HANDED
7. THE HARDENED CRUST ON THE TOP OF MOM'S CASSEROLES
8. THE GOOEY STUFF UNDERNEATH THE HARDENED CRUST ON THE TOP OF MOM'S CASSEROLES
9. PRINCIPAL SKINNER'S SPECIAL FILE ON ME
10. THE "NO DRAWING ON THE WALL" RULE
11. THE FACT THAT OTTO HARDLY EVER LETS ME DRIVE THE SCHOOL BUS
12. CREAMED CORN
13. PARENTS WHO HAVE SIGNATURES THAT ARE REALLY HARD TO FORGE
14. ACCIDENTALLY FEELING GUM STUCK UNDERNEATH A RESTAURANT TABLE
15. SUCKING ON YOUR PEN IN SCHOOL AND HAVING YOUR MOUTH FILL UP WITH INK
16. NAMBY-PAMBY G-RATED MOVIES
17. DAD'S SNORING THAT YOU CAN HEAR THROUGH THE WALL EVEN WITH A PILLOW COVERING YOUR HEAD
18. STORIES WITH MORALS AT THE END
19. CARTOONS WITH NO FUN VIOLENCE AND PAIN
20. CARTOONS WHERE THEY RUN PAST THE SAME LAMP AND TABLE A ZILLION TIMES
21. THE STRAWBERRY AND VANILLA PARTS OF NEOPOLITAN ICE CREAM
22. GAS STATION RESTROOMS
23. MAKING BAD WORDS WITH MY ALPHABET SOUP AND HAVING LISA TELL ME THEY'RE MISSPELLED
24. ACCIDENTALLY DRINKING OUT OF THE GLASS WHERE GRANDPA KEEPS HIS FALSE TEETH
25. THE DIFFICULTY OF LOADING WATER BALLOONS WITH MAPLE SYRUP
26. SUGARLESS ANYTHING
27. BEING TRIED IN COURT AS AN ADULT
28. VENGEFUL BARBERS
29. THE HAUNTING THOUGHT THAT SIDESHOW BOB WILL GET OUT OF JAIL SOMEDAY
30. RIP-OFF CHOCOLATE BUNNIES THAT ARE HOLLOW INSIDE
31. WAR. I DON'T WANT THERE TO BE ANY WARS UNTIL I CAN START ONE MYSELF
32. PHLEGM (ALSO ON MY TOP 40 LIST)
33. WHEN MOM SAYS "IF ALL YOUR FRIENDS JUMPED OFF THE BRIDGE, WOULD YOU JUMP TOO?"
34. CARTOONS WITH REDEEMING SOCIAL MESSAGES
35. THE NONEDIBLE DECORATIONS ON BIRTHDAY CAKES THAT YOU ACCIDENTALLY TRY TO EAT
36. BRUSSELS SPROUTS
37. FORGETTING ABOUT THE CANDY BAR YOU PUT IN YOUR PANTS POCKET ON A REALLY HOT DAY
38. SWIMMING POOL BELLY-FLOPS THAT BOTH HURT AND LOOK DUMB
39. THE BOTTOMS OF YOUR SNEAKERS AFTER YOU COME OUT OF A PETTING ZOO
40. BEING AN "UNDERACHIEVER" - - TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I'M NOT EXACTLY SURE WHAT THE WORD MEANS

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Hello, fellow humans! Bartholomew J. Simpson here, with a big secret:

Space mutants are invading Springfield!

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